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Dennis Hopper, the high-flying Hollywood wild man whose memorable and erratic career included an early turn in "Rebel Without a Cause," an improbable smash with "Easy Rider" and a classic character role in "Blue Velvet," has died

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'No to preferential treatment for foreign workers in CNMI'

» Indigenous rally participants say feds should follow existing US laws granting better status to foreigners

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REPORTER



The U.S. government should not give preferential treatment to some 20,000 foreign workers in the CNMI by granting them instant U.S. citizenship or U.S. permanent residency status, instead of following existing federal laws that already provide for pathway to improved immigration status for foreigners.

This is one of the key messages delivered by most of the 24 speakers led by Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos and some participants at the indigenous rally held at the Civic Center

basketball court in Susupe on Saturday afternoon.

The rally was intended to show the U.S. Congress that the indigenous

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Submarine volcano erupts south of Sarigan

» Fitial declares state of disaster emergency

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has declared a state of disaster emergency in the CNMI following the eruption of an active submarine volcano south of Sarigan Friday noon.

Fitial declared the island of Sarigan as unsafe for human habitation and restricted all travel to the island with exception of scientific expeditions.

According to the Emergency Management Office, due to continuing volcanic activity south of Sarigan, base on seismic activity and visual observations, "the activity is on-going in the area, presenting a continuing threat of adverse impact in the waters and air space south of Sarigan island."

Sarigan, an island 175 kilometers (109 miles) north of Saipan, is reportedly a stratovolcano with no known historic eruptions.

The U.S. Geological Survey's report yesterday stated that an eruption cloud up to 40,000 feet appeared to

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Kilili: Congress won't act immediately on Interior recommendations

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan issued on Friday an "open letter" stating his opinion on the U.S. Department of the Interior's report recommending improved status for long-time foreign workers in the CNMI, and assured his

readers that the U.S. Congress "will not act quickly" on such recommendations.

But he cautioned that the CNMI people should not only raise their concerns about



Sablan

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, first row-third from right, and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, first row-second from left, listen to one of the 24 speakers on Saturday afternoon's indigenous rally to oppose a U.S. Department of the Interior report recommending improved status for guest workers in the CNMI. Inset shows some of those who attended the rally at the Civic Center basketball court in Susupe.

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Local

Lawmakers approve \$565,646 for Saipan projects

» **Most will go to Precinct 4 projects, Obyan power, Micro Games**

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On a 17-0 vote with one abstention, Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation members approved on Friday a local bill re-appropriating at least \$565,646 for several projects on Saipan.

House Local Bill 17-14, D2, introduced by Rep. Sylvester Iguel (Cov-Saipan), appropriates the most for projects in Precinct 4 which covers villages such as Tanapag and Capital Hill, as well as for a power distribution project in Obyan and for the CNMI team's expenses related to the 2010 Micronesian Games to be held in Palau in August. *(See full story about the Micro Games funding in the sports page)*

"This is welcome news, especially for my precinct. They have been asking for too long for the construction of a pavilion for the Capital Hill baseball field, road improvements



From left, Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan), House Sergeant-at-arms Peter Towai, Rep. Sylvester Iguel (Cov-Saipan), and House Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogu-moro (Cov-Saipan), seated, during a break on Friday's session of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

and others. I just hope that the governor will approve the bill," Iguel told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview right after the measure's passage.

HLB 17-14, D2 now goes to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's desk for action.

Iguel's bill originally re-appropriates only \$352,198 from unexpended funds under Saipan Local Law 15-12, to go toward Precinct 4 projects.

The \$352,198 was from unexpended portions of the \$500,000 originally appropri-

ated for repairs and construction of pavilions at PauPau Beach, various road paving and drainage improvements, and repairs for Precinct 4 bus shelters.

Floor amendments

During Friday's session, Rep.

Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan) introduced a floor amendment re-appropriating a total of \$208,448 from four other Saipan local laws, to go toward at least five projects.

Of this amount, \$60,000 will go to the CNMI team's expenses related to the Micro Games to be held in Palau.

Of the \$60,000 for Micro Games expenses, \$20,000 came from unobligated/lapsed funds under Saipan Local Law 15-33; \$20,000 from unobligated/lapsed funds from SLL 16-5; \$10,000 from unexpended/lapsed funds under SLL 15-12; and \$10,000 from SLL 16-21.

Of the \$352,198 re-appropriated under Yumul's floor amendment, a total of \$75,048 will go towards the Obyan power distribution project. The up to \$55,048 comes from unobligated/lapsed funds under SLL 15-24, and the \$20,000 is from unobligated/lapsed funds from SLL 16-21.

Yumul's amendment also re-appropriates \$63,400 from SLL 15-33 to pay a landowner for the government's acquisition of lot H 316-R5-right-of-way.

Sen. Luis Crisostimo (R-

Saipan) objected to this re-appropriation, saying there's no good explanation why the Saipan delegation would prioritize paying this landowner over the others.

Crisostimo voted "yes" to a motion to delete this portion from Yumul's floor amendment. That motion was defeated.

When the voting for the main motion to pass Iguel's appropriation's bill came, Crisostimo abstained. The 17 other lawmakers present voted "yes" on HLB 17-14, D2.

Yumul's floor amendment re-appropriates an undetermined amount from SLL 15-33, for a road-paving of Gloria Drive on Navy Hill.

The approved floor amendment also proposed \$10,000 from unobligated/lapsed funds under SLL 16-21, to be used for the annual Saipan Fishing Derby.

After approving Yumul's floor amendment, the delegation also approved a floor amendment offered by Rep. Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan).

Cabrera proposed the re-appropriation of \$5,000 for the Department of Public Works' purchase of a printing and reproduction of road survey maps equipment.



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AFTER BREAKING INTO APARTMENT

Man allegedly sexually assaults ex-common law wife

A man broke into the house of his former common-law wife and sexually assaulted her at her apartment in Chalan Kanoa last Wednesday early morning.

Paul H. Taitano was arrested for burglary, sexual assault, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

During Friday's hearing, Superior Court associate judge Ramona V. Manglona imposed a \$31,000 cash bail for Taitano's temporary release.

Preliminary hearing was set for June 4 at 9am.

Assistant Attorney General Shelli Neal appeared for the government. Assistant Public Defender Douglas Hartig served as counsel for Taitano.

Detective Peter A. Aldan stated in his report that Taitano and

the victim have separated for several months already.

Aldan said that on Wednesday at 3:30am while the victim was sleeping with her minor son in the children's bedroom, Taitano broke into the room through the balcony.

The child was awakened, but Taitano asked him to transfer to the other room.

The victim was awakened when she felt someone on top of her and sexually assaulting her.

The victim pushed and kicked Taitano and asked him to leave the house.

When Taitano left the house, the victim ran to a poker arcade where she called the police.

The victim was taken to the hospital. Police arrested the defendant later that day. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Tinian Mayor's Office staff facing 'ice' charges released temporarily

The federal court on Friday released an employee of Tinian mayor's office who is facing distribution of methamphetamine or "ice."

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Robert C. Naraja allowed Henry San Nicolas to post an unsecured bond in the amount of \$25,000.

Naraja granted the defense counsel Joseph Camacho's motion to release him to his common-law wife, Sheila De la Cruz, who will act as primary third party custodian.

The defendant's mother, Elisa, will act as an alternate third party custodian.

Naraja ordered the defendant to surrender his passport, not leave the CNMI without court's permission, and refrain from possessing a firearm, among other conditions.

San Nicolas was required to submit to home confinement curfew and must be in his residence between 6pm to 7am.

Naraja allowed the defendant to travel between Saipan and Tinian without court's permission, but only upon notification to the

U.S. Probation's Office.

San Nicolas is a staff of the Tinian Mayor's Office and assigned to the Dog Control Program. He along with Tinian Police Officer 1 Gilbert Macaranas and Carlos Aldan was arrested during a joint anti-meth operation conducted by Tinian police and Drug Enforcement Administration last May 20.

The defendants pleaded not guilty.

San Nicolas was indicted for allegedly distributing .12 actual grams of "ice" on July 17, 2009. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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CAR CRASH

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

An employee of an auto shop hands over the belongings to a woman who was hurt after her Nissan Pathfinder swerved on Beach Road, overturned then rammed into the fence of Marianas High School in Susupe last Tuesday morning.

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VOLCANO

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be over or near Anatahan volcano in the satellite image.

USGS said current evidence points to the source being the submarine seamount south of Sarigan.

USGS said the cloud may contain

ash but could be made up largely of water vapor and appears to be shrinking as northerly winds carry it toward the CNMI and Guam.

"No additional volcanic clouds have been detected and it is unknown if submarine activity is continuing. Observers on Sarigan reported hearing a loud explosion from the south, and shortly thereafter receiving ash fall. They also

reported the sound of a wave passing by," USGS said.

In his declaration of emergency, Fitial said Sarigan is off limits, except for approved CNMI government personnel or approved scientific missions.

Fitial restricted the public, fishermen, tour operators, boat operators, and pilots from coming within five nautical miles radius of the island.

He said except for activities of the Department of Public Safety, EMO will grant written approval, in advance, for any and all government and scientific visits to Sarigan.

The governor directed the EMO director to consult with the Northern Islands mayor concerning official government visit to Sarigan so that the mayor's office is fully informed of the government ap-

proved activities on the island.

"DPS, in cooperation with EMO and the Mayor of the Northern Islands shall be responsible within the limits of existing resources and personnel to enforce the off limits ban. DPS is authorized to cooperate with federal agencies that might provided enforcement and surveillance assets," the governor said.

KILILI

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the recommendations, but more importantly, they should say what they want.

"Immigration is a very complex issue. In the Northern Marianas and all around our country, people are deeply divided on immigration policy. It's unlikely Congress will take any action on immigration this year," he said in his two-page open letter.

Copies of this letter were distributed at the rally of indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians at the Civic Center basketball court in Susupe on Saturday afternoon.

Sablan attended the rally but did not deliver a speech.

In his letter, Sablan said the U.S. Congress will not take immediate action on the Interior recommendations "without consulting the people of the Northern Marianas."

The Interior report offered five options for permitting alien workers who have lawfully resided in the CNMI for at least five years to apply for long-term status under U.S. immigration laws.

These include conferring U.S. citizenship, granting permanent residency status leading to citizenship, and a status similar to those of the Freely Associated States citizens.

Sablan said when federal immigra-

tion law was extended to the CNMI in 2008, no one represented the islands in Congress and as a result, the law has major flaws.

"But now we are represented here. And there is an unwritten understanding that if a law is going to affect just one congressional district, then the Congressman from that district should first agree," he said.

Sablan said he is listening to the people of the Northern Marianas.

"I will not agree to any change in immigration law that affects only the Northern Marianas, until I have consulted fully with my constituents, and unless I am convinced the proposed change is in our best interest," he said.

Sablan, who is seeking re-election this November, is the CNMI's first non-voting delegate to the U.S. Congress as a result of the same law that put CNMI immigration under federal control.

"Fourth, the Interior recommendation is just a recommendation. The Executive Branch has lots of ideas about what Congress should do. But Congress has a mind of its own. Congress may never seriously consider any of the five options in the Interior report—certainly not the proposal for instant citizenship. But one thing is certain: eventually Congress will take up legislation to set a new national immigration policy," he said.

He cited four ideas to help the CNMI deal with federalization and the Interior report, including getting the local people working, maintaining a population to keep the economy healthy, and giving status to those given legal permanent residents under CNMI immigration law and who have lived in the CNMI since 1982.

"I know, too, that our culture values family. And there are families in our community with a U.S. citizen and a foreign spouse that simply cannot afford thousands of dollars for attorneys and immigration fees to get long-term status for those spouses. We have to help those families stay together," he said.

NO TO

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Chamorro and Carolinian are strongly objecting to the U.S. Department of the Interior report recommending long-term status to foreign workers who have lawfully resided in the CNMI for at least five years.

Rally participants reiterated that the Interior did not consult with the CNMI governor or the indigenous population before submitting its report to the U.S. Congress, regarding a matter that they say will marginalize the Chamorros and Carolinians and further make them a minority in their own homeland.

"Respect the indigenous people" was repeatedly chanted at the rally, in vernacular language.

Ignacio Demapan, resident executive director of the Indigenous Affairs Office and chairman of the organizing committee, estimated the crowd at the rally at over 2,000 people.

Other participants who were asked about their own crowd estimate said it was in the "few hundreds," "couple of hundreds," or "over a thousand."

But a look at the crowd, from 1pm to 4pm, would show only a few hundred people, mostly seated inside their parked vehicles because of the scorching heat and dust. They did not get out of their vehicles but were able to listen to the rally speakers. Many of them would honk their vehicle horns to support what the speakers were saying.

Passing motorists also honked their vehicle horns to show solidarity with rally participants.

Former Political Status Commission members Vicente N. Santos and Oscar Rasa separately said there's no need to come up with a new law to grant improved immigration status to foreign workers in the CNMI because the U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act can already do the job.

"I don't see a reason for the rush," Rasa, who is also the CNMI's first House speaker, told *Saipan Tribune* at the rally.

U.S. Public Law 110-229 placed CNMI immigration under federal law on Nov. 28, 2009, applying provisions of the INA to the Commonwealth.

"Rather than disrespecting the local indigenous, they should have consulted our governor and elected leaders, talk

about it. Let the Immigration and Nationality Act take its own course," Santos, 77, said in a separate interview.

Fitial reiterated his position on the status of nonresident workers: That they came here to work under their employment contract and once locals are qualified to do their job, the foreign workers should go home and not seek permanent residency status or U.S. citizenship.

The governor echoed Santos and Rasa's statements that the INA should be followed, when it comes to allowing long-term foreign workers to apply for improved immigration status.

"No preferential treatment; just follow the law," he said.

One of the speakers at the rally said it is not fair that thousands will be granted outright U.S. citizenship, as proposed by the Interior, when others went through a lengthy and costly process to change their status when they married locals and other U.S. citizens in the CNMI.

Referendum

Fitial changed his original return schedule to Saipan from California to be able to speak at the rally. He addressed the crowd at 1:50pm, and his remarks in vernacular language lasted for eight minutes.

He said the CNMI will do its best to oppose the Interior report and recommendation.

Fitial repeatedly said "Taya respetu" or "No respect" in English, as he talked about the Interior's lack of consultation with him or the CNMI government on its report to the U.S. Congress.

In an interview right after the rally, Fitial reiterated the importance of having a referendum on the Interior report and recommendation, in time for the November 2010 elections when the CNMI will also vote for the second time a delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives.

He said people should be directly asked about their position on the recommendation to grant improved immigration status to foreign workers.

So far, the 17th Legislature has not introduced a joint resolution to call for a referendum.

When asked whether it is "fear" that indigenous people are feeling in light of what they believe would be a possible "takeover" of some 20,000 foreign workers in government and other aspects of society, Fitial said the right

term is "anger"—but not toward guest workers, rather toward the Interior report and recommendation.

"We're not afraid. We're just angry that we're not involved in the process. That's the right term. There's no respect," he said.

Besides going to California for a conference, Fitial also came from a May 18 congressional hearing in Washington, D.C. on the implementation of the federalization law, a hearing that was also attended by Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs Tony Babauta.

Babauta personally handed a copy of the Interior report to Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos on April 30 on Saipan, hours after the Interior submitted the report to the U.S. Congress in Washington, D.C.

Fitial said after the hearing, Babauta approached him.

"He came up to me after the hearing and he says, 'Governor I still have respect for you,'" said Fitial, but added that he didn't say anything back. "I didn't say a thing. What can I say?"

The governor said he has no ill-feelings toward foreign workers, especially because he was the one, as a former lawmaker, who introduced a bill that paved the way for foreign workers to enter and work in the CNMI. This bill became CNMI Public Law 3-66.

The governor also said the CNMI needs nonresident workers because the local pool is not enough to run the economy.

Speakers and the crowd

While event organizers estimated the crowd at more than 2,000, a look at the crowd during the rally showed only a few hundreds of individuals.

The tents set up at the rally site held only some 70 people at any given time during the event. Another tent was put up so people could line up for food and drinks. Others set up small tables by the beach, or brought their own chairs to listen to the former and current CNMI officials, as well as ordinary citizens, who delivered speeches.

Another group of people, including Fitial and Inos, was at the shade of a tree right at the back of the main tent which served as a stage where speakers could address the crowd.

Most of those who showed up at the rally sat inside their parked vehicles to listen to the speakers.

A motorcade and rally held by foreign workers and their supporters on May 16 gathered a much larger crowd. That rally was to show strong support to the Interior report and to call on the U.S. Congress to immediately act on the Interior recommendations.

Besides Fitial, Inos, Ignacio Demapan, Santos and Rasa, the other speakers at the indigenous rally on Saturday included former Political Status Commission member Manuel A. Sablan, House Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogu-moro (Cov-Saipan), Carolinian Affairs Office director Angie I. Mangarero, Press Secretary Angel Demapan, former House speaker Herman Deleon Guerrero, and Sen. Luis Crisostimo (R-Saipan).

The other speakers were former Rep. Malua Peter, former House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios, Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Melvin Faisao, former House Speaker Pedro Deleon Guerrero, Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan), NMI Retirement Fund board of trustees chairman Sixto Igisomar, Suzanne Deleon Guerrero, Rep. Frederick Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota), Rep. Rafael Demapan (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan), and two other private citizens.

People also signed up the petitions opposing the Interior report during the rally.

Success defined

Organizers and participants said the rally was a success for different reasons. Among other things, it brought together indigenous people regardless of political affiliations.

"This is one event where all indigenous people, whether they are Republicans, Covenants, Democrats or independents, come together to show how much they care about indigenous rights," said CNMI Republican Party chairman Juan I. Tenorio, who is also a former lawmaker and former director of the Office of Personnel Management.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan was also at the rally, where his "open letter" to the CNMI people regarding the Interior report was circulated. But Sablan, in a brown cap, didn't address the crowd and instead stayed far back from the main tent which served as the stage.

Sablan, in his open letter, said the U.S.

Congress will not act quickly on the Interior report and that he is listening to the CNMI people. (*See related story*)

Another delegate candidate, former Lt. Gov. Jesse Borja of the Democratic Party, also attended the rally.

The Covenant Party's delegate candidate, former House Floor Leader Joseph Camacho, was also at the rally.

Santos and Rasa also said that the event "educated" the people, including elected officials, about the Covenant, federal laws, and the sentiments of indigenous people.

What other people have to say

Marvin R. Pangelinan, 38, of San Vicente, said the Interior erred in citing the U.S. Virgin Islands experience in granting U.S. citizenship to foreign workers as possible precedent for the CNMI because of Interior's lack of consultation with the CNMI.

"The Virgin Islands government and people were consulted, but not the CNMI people and the government," said Pangelinan, adding that the CNMI can't allow some 20,000 new U.S. citizens to take over government and take away lands from Chamorros and Carolinians.

Former Rep. Benigno Sablan of Tanapag said there is strong sentiment to oppose the Interior report, and the Covenant should be renegotiated.

Bertrina Palacios, 16, said she, her mother and siblings including Jun Palacios, 14, went to the rally to listen to what speakers had to say.

"Islanders should be protected," the San Antonio resident said.

Fernando Romolor, 42, of Chalan Kiya, said he is also strongly opposing the Interior report because any of the recommendations in it will "overwhelm the local people."

"The question about the Interior report should be placed on the ballot. I wouldn't consider giving any status to foreign workers other than what's allowed in existing process. They came here as guest workers, and that means they are guests," he said.

Diego F. Camacho, 24, of Dandan, said he supports indigenous rights, and that's why he went to the rally.

"It's unfair that they're just going to give U.S. citizenship (to foreign workers) just like giving away free pancakes or laying a red carpet," he said.

Chamorros and Carolinians were conferred U.S. citizenship in 1986.

15-day jail term for man who attacked Kagman resident

Libut, Cabrera are top GCA HS graduates



Jim Cedrick Libut
Valedictorian



Jo Hannah Cabrera
Salutatorian

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Seventeen-year-olds Jim Cedrick Arenas Libut and Jo Hannah Abellera Cabrera were hailed this year's outstanding high school students of Grace Christian Academy receiving the highest academic honors of valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively.

Libut, the son of Conrado and Joji Libut, also received the prestigious GCA Eagle Award for demonstrating excellence in academics, citizenship, and Christian character.

Seven other special recognitions were bagged by this year's valedictorian during Friday night's commencement exercises at the school's auditorium.

Libut will pursue his desire to become a civil engineer at the University of Hawaii-Manoa beginning this Fall semester.

"I feel very blessed!" he told *Saipan Tribune* after the momentous occasion.

In his valedictory address, Libut shared the fears and worries that came along with his family's decision to send him on Saipan for high school some four years ago.

"Going to school on Saipan while my family were on Tinian was very hard for me, but I am sure it was so much harder for my parents...I see the love and sacrifice in that hard decision they made four years ago. I hope with this award, I've made my parents proud!" Libut said. He also recognized his siblings, teachers, and friends for all the support and guidance throughout the years.

"It is because of this award I have learned that big goals aren't easy to achieve. If you aim far, you'll go far. If you aim for nowhere, you'll go nowhere. A wise woman once said, life's a climb, but the view is great!" he said.

The STUCO president didn't finish the momentous occasion without a special "thank you" message for his peers, accounting each and every member of the class for their unique characters and the special friendship that was developed among them.

This year's salutatorian was Jo Hannah Cabrera, who also bagged the Eagle Award runner-up.

She is the daughter of Emilia-no and Judith Cabrera and also recipient of six other special awards during the commencement exercises.

In Fall semester, she will pursue her college education in a community college in California to fulfill her big dream to become successful pharmacist someday.

"I feel very proud of myself. For me this is a great accomplishment!" she said after receiving the honors.

In her message, she lauded the sacrifices and dedication of her family and friends to help her succeed in high school. She urged each and every graduate never to give up and to continue strive for their dreams.

Awarded the honorable mentions were Bianca Blanco, Yuna Chang, Shin Kimura, Oilang Blau Maui, and Monique May Sablan.

GCA conferred high school diplomas to 20 students during the ceremony which was also highlighted by special presentations and a slideshow from the graduates.

» Family dispute began over murder case in Palau many years ago

The Superior Court has imposed a 15-day jail term on a man, who along with his brother, attacked a resident of Kagman over a family dispute in connection with a murder case years back in Palau.

Associate Judge Ramona V. Manglona sentenced Petrus Kelulau to six months in jail, all suspended except for 15 days, for assault.

The 49-year-old Kelulau, also known as Petrus Ngirarnei Tomei and Petrus Kelulau Tomei, was given credit for 15 days he already served in jail.

It means that the defendant

will not serve jail term anymore.

Kelulau, however, will be placed on three years of probation and required to pay a \$50 fine, \$25 court assessment fee, and \$100 annual probation fee.

The judge held Kelulau jointly liable with his co-defendant Kabrel R. Kelulau in the amount of \$480 to Gloyd Martin Sr. as restitution for damages.

Manglona ordered the defendant to perform 20 hours of community work service and prohibited him from possessing or consuming any alcoholic beverages during the probationary period.

Manglona directed the defendant to stay away from Martin Sr. and his minor son, and Martin's family during the term of his probation.

The defendant and counsel, Michael Dotts, signed a plea agreement. He pleaded guilty to assault, which is a lesser included offense of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Police said according to Martin, he was in the shower at his house on Dec. 15, 2008 while his children were sleeping when he heard someone calling his name outside.

Martin saw Kabrel Kelulau standing in the garage and shouting they are prepared to kill him.

Martin closed the door of the

house, but saw his 17-year-old son walking out of the kitchen door.

Martin said Kabrel tried to stab the boy with a machete so he ran after his son and brought him back inside the house.

The victim grabbed a bush cutter from the kitchen and used it to counter Kabrel's attack.

As they struggled in the garage, Petrus Kelulau, grabbed a machete and joined in the attack.

The Kelulau brothers were both hit with the bush cutter and fled on board a jeep.

Martin told police that Kabrel had murdered his uncle in Palau a long time ago and had spent substantial jail term. (**Ferdie de la Torre**)

TES welcomes local triathlete

Tinian Elementary School students received a special surprise visit recently from local triathlete Joshua Manglona.

Manglona shared his secrets to success—stay positive, eat healthy, and steer clear of drugs and alcohol.

He encouraged the students to involve their families in healthy activities such as walking together or playing softball.

The students were excited to hear Manglona's tales regarding his travels to compete. Before leaving, Manglona passed out stickers and temporary tattoos

Providing a quick geography lesson, Joshua Manglona shows the students the location of the Cook Islands.

to the enthusiastic group.

Last March, Manglona completed all three of the month's sporting events—the Saipan Marathon, XTERRA Saipan Championship, and the Tagaman Triathlon.

At 21, Manglona is considered the most recent athlete on the local triathlon scene, but also one of the most promising. (**PR**)



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Ortizo, Doctor lead Mt. Carmel HS graduates

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REPORTER

Ryan Bradley Estacio Ortizo and Hazel Marie Bernardo Doctor were hailed top graduates in this year's Mount Carmel High School commencement exercises held Saturday evening at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral.

Ortizo was named the class valedictorian and recipient of nine other special recognitions, including department awards in English, Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, theology, speech, and drama. He also received the loyalty award, president's award for academic excellence, and extra and co-curricular involvement activities.

Ryan is the son of Myrna and

Roy Ortizo. He will enroll at New York University this fall semester and major in biology under the pre-med program.

In his emotional valedictory address before hundreds of guests and spectators, Ortizo said: "A wise man once told me that the measure of one's success in life is not determined by how many awards or titles to your name you have, but by the experiences you gain in life. For 12 years, I've had the opportunity to share many wonderful experiences with my friends, my mentors, and my family, and I realized that I wouldn't be the success story that I am today if it weren't for all your support."

He added that it wouldn't be right for him to end his days



Ryan Ortizo
Valedictorian

as a student at Mount Carmel School without showing his gratitude and appreciation to all these wonderful people.

The top graduate, who led 35 other graduates this year,



Hazel Doctor
Salutatorian

specifically thanked his parents and siblings for all their sacrifices and encouragement for him to succeed. Mentors, teachers, coaches, and club advisors who guided him in his 12 years at Mount Carmel were also acknowledged for their great contributions.

For Ortizo, graduation is just a beginning of a major milestone in their lives. He said it is a day that marks the end of their high school lives, and the beginning of a future filled

with hope, new experiences, uncertainty, and change.

"We've been with each other for oh so long, that we're practically family, but soon, we must all part ways. It is a tough thing to do—to leave behind the people you've grown to love, but despite our sorrow, we must all move forward. Change is inevitable, but change can be a good thing. And as we move forward and experience the winds of change, let us not wallow in sadness, but look to the future with hopeful spirits," he told fellow graduates.

Ortizo is a consistent honor student since his elementary days and has been to numerous off-island trips and events representing the CNMI. Among them was the National Forensic League competitions where he was the first student recognized for being in the national event for four consecutive years. Ortizo was also hailed champions in events such as Attorney General's Cup, Sengebau Poetry Competition, and others.

This year's salutatorian honor was bestowed to Hazel Marie B.

Doctor, who was also recipient of seven other special awards and recognitions.

In her message to the graduates, Doctor urged her colleagues to do their best for their future.

"Never forget that life is a learning process. Wherever you will be, seek all the opportunities for your best. Always remember the person you want to be...and never let others put you down," Doctor added.

Other students who graduated with honors included Louise France A. Villagomez, Keno Iwa C. San Pablo, Armalene B. Cabrerros, and Keolester Buenpacifico.

The Bishop Tomas A. Camacho Christian Service Award also went to Armalene B. Cabrerros, while the president's award for meritorious achievement was also bestowed to Louise France Albuen Villagomez.

Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos awarded the governor's leadership award for 2010 to Jalayne Colette Tomokane Benavente.

The event was keynoted by Zenaida C. Javier.

MT. CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATION RITES

Santos, Bartolo sisters named top awardees



Josie Ann A. Santos
Leadership Award



Chelsea Marie B. Bartolo
Citizenship Award



Vanessa Rome
Principal's Award

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

Three grade school students were recipients of this year's special awards from Mount Carmel School during its graduation ceremony last Saturday.

Josie Ann A. Santos, 14, was surprised upon receiving the MCS Leadership Award from the school's officials led by president Margaret C. Dela Cruz.

Santos is the daughter of Judy and Antonino Santos. She said the honor was unexpected and truly overwhelming.

"I didn't expect this...and it feels great!" she told *Saipan Tribune* after the momentous occasion. Santos said she will stay at MCS for high school and will continue to strive for the best.

Although she's excited to start her high school days, the 14-year-old admitted that she's also ready for new challenges.

"I know it will be harder and challenging in high school, but I will continue to strive for better grades," she said, adding that

she also expects to gain new friends and experience in the next four challenging years of her education.

Mount Carmel School conferred the citizenship award to Chelsea Marie B. Bartolo while her sister, Vanessa Rome, was chosen for the principal's award.

The two are the daughters of Rommel and Tess Bartolo and will both continue their high school education at Saipan Southern High School next school year.

Santos and the Bartolo sisters were also recipients of other special recognitions which were presented Thursday at Fiesta Resort & Spa.

These awards included president's award for educational achievement, co-curricular, and extra curricular recognitions.

Like Santos, the sisters were also surprised upon learning about the special awards.

MCS did not confer the valedictorian and salutatorian awards this year. A total of 45 grade school students were pro-

moted to high school during Saturday morning's ceremony.

In her message to the graduates, Dela Cruz described Saturday's ceremony as just a beginning for the graduates.

"Today is not the end...but only the beginning. Wherever you go, allow me to give you some guidance and practical advice," she said.

She urged the students to count their blessings, deliver more than what is expected of them, never ever give up, think positive in order to succeed, achieve dreams one at a time, and many more.

"Life is short. Appreciate it, live it, and love it..." she added.

Principal Lourdes T. Mendiola, for her part, said she was very proud of their students.

She encouraged them to take the challenges, do their best, and reach their full potential.

The ceremony was held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral and was witnessed by over a hundred spectators and guests.



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INVITATION FOR BID NMHC IFB 2010-R-003

(This ad is paid for by NMHC with HUD funds)

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, hereby give notice that NMHC is soliciting sealed bids for the **Construction of the Tinian Amphitheater Parking Lot Infiltration System** in San Jose Village, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package consisting of Technical Specifications, Plans and Bid Documents will be available on or after Monday, May 03, 2010, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) is required for each set. Payment shall be by money order or cashier's check (payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation).

Bidding procedures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference" as amended by Public Law 15-95 and further amended by Public Law 15-118, **is not available** to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project.

Bidders are also advised that this project is subject to compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act. All wage rates for laborers, mechanics and all other employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid the current minimum wage or the wage determination for the Commonwealth as required by the CNMI law/Federal law, whichever is higher.

A **pre-bid conference** will be held at **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 27, 2010**, at the Tinian Amphitheater in San Jose Village, Tinian and all interested bidders will be given the opportunity to walk through the proposed project, familiarize themselves with the required work and ask questions regarding the project. Attendance at this conference and site visit are considered essential to the bidders' understanding of the project elements and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder.

Sealed Bids must be marked **"NMHC IFB2010-R-003"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director, Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m., local time, Monday, June 07, 2010**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, June 07, 2010 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via e-mail to procurement@pricom.com. For bidders located outside of the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U. S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 07, 2010, AND must be received by Procurement and Supply no later than June 16, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, June 17, 2010. However, if no Notices of Intent to Bid are received from bidders outside of the CNMI, the bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m., local time, June 07, 2010.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be in the form of a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: **"Construction of the Tinian Amphitheater Parking Lot Infiltration System"**. Surety companies must hold a Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the NMHC 70.30.3.301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with NMHC and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment Bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000. Pursuant to Governor's Directive 251 dated March 15, 2006, bidders are required to include a Clearance from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner with respect to the financial bonding capability of the bidders' chosen Surety. In addition, the contractor will be required to deliver a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments or other bond obligations) exceeded the penal amount of each bond.

Performance time for completion of this project is ninety (90) calendar days upon issuance of an official written Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for the delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at Five Hundred Dollars (US\$500.00) per calendar day.

This project is funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant, American Recovery and Reinvestment (CDBG-R) funding provided to the Commonwealth that mandates ALL MATERIALS PURCHASED AND INCORPORATED INTO THE BUILDING/WORK MUST BE MANUFACTURED OR PRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

This project which goal is to provide economic stimulus as well as jobs creation is also subject to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 which requires recipients of HUD funds and the contractors to help insure that the economic opportunities generated by these HUD funds are provided to local low-income residents and the businesses that serve them "to the maximum extent feasible."

NMHC hereby notifies bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, women and small business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, national origin, political affiliation, creed, sex, religion, age, familial status, and disability status.

The Government reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any defects in the said proposals, if in the sole opinion of NMHC, to do so would be in its best interest. All proposals will become the property of the Government.

/s/
Marcie M. Tomokane
Board Chairwoman & Contracting Officer

/s/
Herman S. Sablan, Director
Division of Procurement & Supply



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100 attend GTC health, cultural festival

Over a hundred people trooped to Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School last Saturday to watch various presentations and exhibits during its annual health and cultural festival.

Principal Charlotte Camacho said the event was the biggest fundraiser of the year for the school as it aims to raise \$10,000 for GTC's playground equipment.

Students and teachers in their colorful costumes opened the

celebration with the traditional parade of cultures and presentation of national flags.

Food vendors, games, and exhibits from government agencies added to the festival's attractions this year.

As of 2pm Saturday, Camacho said the school reported a satisfying result for the fund-raising event.

"We're doing well with our tickets ...and we're hoping we can reach our target," she said,

adding that the playground equipment will benefit the lower grade students.

Camacho said besides raising funds for immediate needs of students, the event was also in celebration of the school's many accomplishments during the year.

Among them was the completion of the two buildings that housed nine classrooms for over a hundred students.

This school year, GTC

also won the slot for the National Junior Forensic League where students Kimberly Camacho and Arianne Narvaez advanced to compete in the national event this month for bilingual competitions.

Last March, three students from the school were hailed gold and silver medalists in the Guam science fair competition. They included Patrick Agustin, Kelsy Conlon, and Miguel Aninon.

In this year's academic bee challenge for sixth graders, GTC emerged fifth among the 14 schools that participated in the event.

A number of its delegates to the academic challenge bowl for Chamorro/Carolinian Language Heritage Studies also went home with medals from the competition this year.

GTC also participated in other school and community events.

"This is a successful year for GTC and we want to celebrate it with the Binadu family and supporters in our community," the principal said.

GTC also gave away a \$300 cash prize in raffle drawings and special gift items.

The event also highlighted the annual Binadu Idol Competition and the Dancing with the Binadu competition.

GTC is home to 12 ethnicities and cultures. The cultural day aims to promote unity and appreciation of each other's origin and traditions.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to Livia "Muy Caliente" Tudela Pangelinan A.K.A. Bebang, who is celebrating her birthday today, May 31. Much love and many more birthdays to come—from your entire FamBam and your SOE crew.

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HAPPY GRADUATION

Congratulations to Clerisse Dacumos of K5 from Grace Christian Academy for graduating salutatorian and receiving the Eagle Award. We're so proud of you! Greetings from your loving family and Tita Lisel.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our boy, Andy John "A.J." Sablan Estella, on your First Holy Communion. May God bless you always and we love you. From Mommy, Auntie Mo', R.J., and the rest of the family.

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Six graders of Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School pose after their successful performance during Saturday's health and cultural festival.



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INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-055

"ELECTRICAL UPGRADE AT ROTA HIGH SCHOOL ON ROTA"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **Electrical Upgrade at Rota High School** on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on May 17, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of \$38.60.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Public School Procurement Rules and Regulations, as revised through June 5, 1998, and in accordance with ARRA Section 1605, "BUY AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS". Bidding Procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 60-40-205 of the PSS Regulations, "Competitive Sealed Bidding".

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on Thursday, June 3, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., local time, at the Rota High School Library on Rota. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than June 8, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-055, and submitted with one (1) original and five (5) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 2:00 p.m., local time, June 11, 2010 at which time the bids will be publicly open in the PSS Conference Room, 3rd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building. Any bids submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

This project is funded under the AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) with "Buy America" Provisions.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer



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INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-056

"ELECTRICAL UPGRADE AT HOPWOOD JR. HIGH SCHOOL AND DANDAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **Electrical Upgrade at Hopwood Jr. High School and Dandan Elementary School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on May 17, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of \$43.70.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Public School Procurement Rules and Regulations, as revised through June 5, 1998, and in accordance with ARRA Section 1605, "BUY AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS". Bidding Procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 60-40-205 of the PSS Regulations, "Competitive Sealed Bidding".

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on Friday, June 4, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the Hopwood Jr. High School Library on Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than June 8, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

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Pre-Law Program still accepting applicants

The Supreme Court announced that late applications for the Summer Pre-Law Program 2010 will still be accepted through the first week of June, as some space is still available. The intensive program is designed for those interested in applying to law school and will be held from July 5 to July 23, 2010 at the Guma' Hustisia.

The Pre-Law Program, which started in 1991, will familiarize participants with the rigorous demands of the first year of law school. Robert Desiderio, former Dean of the University of New Mexico School of Law, and Professor Rose Cuisson-Villazor of Hofstra University School of Law will serve as instructors for the program. Dean

Desiderio has previously taught in the program and has been instrumental in getting participants to attend and graduate from law school. Professor Villazor, who grew up on Saipan and graduated from Mount Carmel School, will be teaching a course in Property Law.

In addition to attending law lectures, participants will partake in a series of activities designed to increase their critical thinking and analytical skills. These include a legal research and writing class, a moot court competition, and the opportunity to receive valuable insight and advice from volunteer attorney mentors. A workshop on the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) and law school admission process

will also be conducted. Together, these activities will help participants develop the skills necessary to attend law school and complete the challenging first-year curriculum. The program has produced at least 25 lawyers.

Attorney Lucy Blanco-Maratita, a 1994 participant, said, "The Summer Pre-Law Program was instrumental in cementing my desire to go on to law school. It gave me not only a small taste of what law classes were like, and that they were do-able, but also the encouragement from the professors gave me the courage to hang on to my dream of going to law school."

Attorney Vince Seman, a 2002 participant, added, "The fundamental skills I learned in

the Program helped me start ahead of the curve and stay there throughout law school."

Justice John A. Manglona, Blanco-Maratita, and Seman head the program's steering committee. The CNMI Bar Association, the Northern Marianas Judiciary Historical Society and the Supreme Court are the principal sponsors of the program.

The application form is available online at www.justice.gov.mp and the submission deadline is May 5, 2010. Enrollment is limited. For more information, contact Martha Mendiola at the Supreme Court at (670) 236-9710 or email supreme.court@justice.gov.mp.

For further information contact me at 236-9716. (PR)

Monthly Diver magazine to feature NMI dive spots

Monthly Diver magazine of Japan is devoting 10 full pages of its August issue to promote dive spots in the Northern Marianas, following this month's location shoot in the resort destination.

Japanese actor and diver Koji Matoba was accompanied by an editor/writer and photographer of the publication on a five-day filming visit ending on Tuesday (May 25).

In exchange for assistance with ground transportation, shooting permits, and hotel accommodations, the MVA will receive over \$61,000 in estimated ad exposure from the feature. *Monthly Diver* is published monthly in Japan and circulates to 120,000 readers.

"*Monthly Diver's* prestigious magazine crew has returned once again to feature our local dive spots and island life for their readers," said Marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "This segues perfectly with our Dive in The Marianas 2010 campaign designed to entice new



Japanese actor Koji Matoba poses for media at Bird Island Lookout on May 24, 2010, in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Matoba was on island for a feature on the island by Japan's *Monthly Diver* magazine. Pictured from left are Matoba's manager (back to camera), Matoba, magazine editor-in-chief Tamie Sakabe, and a photographer. MVA

divers to the islands."

While on Saipan the media team dove at Grotto, Eagle Ray City, Ice Cream, and Dimple. They also took in the sights, sounds, and savors of

the Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden. The article will also feature historic sites on Saipan, as well as local shops Winchell's, Big Dipper, Joeten

Hafa Adai Shopping Center, Marianas Trekking and 670. The media team also dined at Muuming Mura and Country House Restaurant and stayed at Palms Resort Saipan. (PR)

Cleanup brigade at Bird Island Beach this Saturday

The Division of Environmental Quality cleanup brigade will be at it again, picking up trash at the Bird Island Beach next Saturday, June 5, beginning at 8am.

"If you would like to volunteer your time to clean and beautify our island, please meet the DEQ representatives on Saturday at the parking lot at the entrance to Bird Island beach. Come join us and 'Pick it Up!'" said DEQ in a statement.

Volunteers will start cleaning for about two hours or when finished and then break for drinks and continue if needed.

This month, outstanding brigade volunteers who participated in at least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a green brigade T-shirt.

"This is a cleanup that should not be missed, so join DEQ's cleanup brigade and 'Pick It Up!' Let us work together for the health of our coral reefs and

cleanliness of our beaches for everyone to enjoy," the statement further read.

The DEQ cleanup brigade began in 1996 and continues to maintain clean, healthy beaches.

For more information about volunteering, please contact the DEQ office at 664-8500. (DEQ)



Participants of Division of Environmental Quality's cleanup brigade pose for a photo after their latest activity. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 31, 1999

Land lease terms stay according to lawmakers

Two key members of the Legislature have thumbed down appeals from the private sector for a longer lease agreement on public lands on the island from 40 years to 55 years, saying the existing system of granting a one-time 15-year extension should stay. Rep. Manuel A. Tenorio, chair of the House Natural Resources Committee, said the scheme being followed by the government on land leases provide a review mechanism by both the Division of Public Lands and the developer. Before the end of the initial agreement, any development can request a 15-year extension, but this is not mandatory that will tie up a developer even if he fails to meet the terms of the accord.

With cash in hand PSS debates on CIP priorities

The Board of Education will face the tough decision on whether to build two new high schools or stick to the original plan of constructing one high school and a junior high school on Saipan. After the \$15.8 million bond of the Public School System was officially secured, present proposals are presenting valid issues and concerns surrounding the priority construction projects on Saipan. A proposal is seeking to convert Marinas High School into a junior high and for PSS to build two new high schools on Saipan. Based on the presentation made by PSS architects Kathryn Loudines and Christopher Fryling, it will be costly to upgrade MHS against building another new high school. Certain rooms at MHS, like those for science laboratory classes, do not meet the American safety standards and to make them compliant will mean additional money.

May 31, 2000

Law allowing Superior Court to tap trust funds questioned

A law enacted last year by the Legislature that allows the Superior Court to make money out of the trust funds temporarily entrusted to the judiciary is facing legal challenge in the U.S. District Court, which has forced the House of Representatives to seek repeal of some of its provisions. A bill introduced by House Speaker Benigno R. Fitial will nullify the effectivity of questionable provisions under Public Law 11-105 in a move to comply with the ruling issued last week by District Judge Alex R. Munson. The Legislature has until this week to act on the measure or else risk the court's declaration of the law as unconstitutional, according to Attorney General Herb D. Soll.

Bill regulating telecoms sparks debate in House

The proposed regulatory body for the local telecommunications industry met strong opposition yesterday from some members of the House of Representatives who said that such policy would lead to more restrictions and thus hinder its growth in the Northern Marianas. Rep. David M. Apatang, who leads the opposition, warned that enacting House Bill 12-6 or the Commonwealth Telecommunications Act will mean that the islands is "moving backwards" amid the dynamic growth of the industry worldwide. He said that although he does not object to the creation of a local commission that will oversee the sector, it should not impose additional rules and regulations that will be too restrictive for their business operations.

May 31, 2001

CPA welcomes new board member

The Commonwealth Ports Authority welcomes Concepcion Olopai Igisomar as the newest member of its Board of Directors, after having been confirmed by the CNMI Senate last week. Other members of the CPA Board were at the Senate during the hearing to give an overwhelming support to Ms. Igisomar's confirmation. Having been confirmed by the Senate, she assumes the position as an official member of CPA's policy-making body with voting rights and other associated privileges. Ms. Igisomar is a former deputy executive assistant of the Carolinian Affairs Office.

Warning against so many perks raised

The Department of Finance yesterday advised the House of Representatives to go easy on granting businesses with too much tax incentives since these perks may eventually hurt government earnings. A policy impact report submitted by the finance department to the House of Representatives disclosed the CNMI government may lose millions of dollars in revenues if the Legislature fails to set up safety nets to go along with the proposed incentives.

Indigenous rally

PHOTOS By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



Passing motorists won't miss this banner at the site of Saturday afternoon's indigenous rally.



Indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians sign a petition opposing a U.S. Department of the Interior report recommending improved status for guest workers in the CNMI.

Ignacio Demapan, resident executive director of the Indigenous Affairs Office, addresses the crowd at the indigenous rally. Demapan is also the chairman of the indigenous rally movement which organized the Saturday event.



A man, left, dances to the sound of island music as he falls in line for food and drinks at the indigenous rally held Saturday afternoon at the Civic Center basketball court in Susupe.



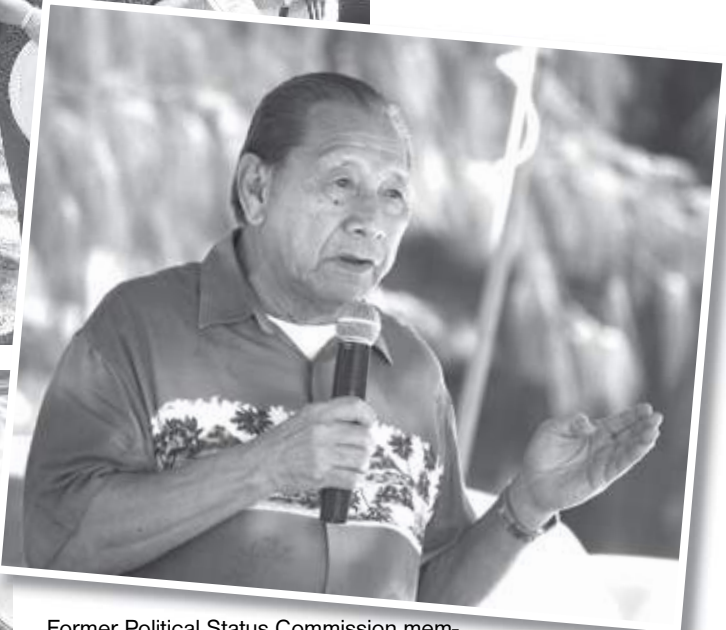
House Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan), right, and former representative Malua Peter, third from right, join others in the shade during the indigenous rally on Saturday.



Gov. Benigno R. Fitial addresses the crowd for eight minutes. Fitial was originally scheduled to arrive Sunday, but he changed his schedule and arrived on Saturday morning so as not to miss the indigenous rally that afternoon.



An old man listens to the speakers at the indigenous rally, from the cool comfort of a car parked near the Civic Center basketball court.



Former Political Status Commission member Vicente N. Santos shares his thoughts about the U.S.-CNMI relationship.



A firefighter sprinkles the dusty ground with water near the Civic Center basketball court in Susupe during Saturday's indigenous rally.



Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), front row-right, and Felix Nogis, front row-second from right, by the beach side during the indigenous rally.



Former House Speaker Oscar Rasa gestures as he speaks before the crowd at the indigenous rally.



A young boy watches the crowd from a steel structure at the indigenous rally on Saturday.

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EDITORIAL

Bad company

The enemy of my enemy is my friend. That was the Cold War creed. No matter how despicable the regime, it was OK if it was properly aligned, meaning capitalist or communist.

After the Soviet Union fell, there was hope that this country would choose its allies based on the content of their character. But in this post-9/11 world, we've fallen back to our old tendencies.

Look at the blanket U.S. support for the corrupt Hamid Karzai government in Afghanistan, our necessary buddy in the war against the Taliban and al-Qaeda.

That fight is also dictating our relationship with Ethiopia, a key ally in the Horn of Africa. That part of the continent has become a fountainhead for piracy and worldwide terrorist activity.

The Ethiopian government has wisely decided that it would be undermined by any infiltration of terrorist organizations rooted in neighboring Somalia and Eritrea, the former Ethiopian territory with which it fought a 30-year war. Across the Gulf of Aden lies Yemen, another terrorist host.

Because it is an ally against terrorism, Ethiopia has been rewarded with millions of dollars in U.S. military aid. Not only that, the U.S. government also has largely been silent in regard to many human-rights abuses in the country.

And, just as with Afghanistan, this country is unlikely to do more than mildly rebuke the results of Ethiopia's parliamentary election. The balloting Sunday occurred amid criticism by international observers that government repression had guaranteed the results before any vote was cast.

Indeed, Prime Minister Meles Zenawi's ruling party appeared to have won at least 534 of 547 parliamentary seats. That ensures another six-year term for him.

Meles has been in power since 1991, when the guerrillas he led toppled the brutal Red Terror regime of Mengistu Haile Mariam, which had toppled the repressive monarchy of Emperor Haile Selassie in 1974. Yes, such has been the fate of Ethiopia, which has existed since the time of Christ — one despot after another.

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'The only thing we have to fear is fear itself'

These memorable words were spoken by Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the 32nd President of the United States. On March 4, 1933, when the United States was at the bottom of the Great Depression, President Roosevelt spoke the following inspiring words in his first inaugural address:

"This is preeminently the time to speak the truth, the whole truth and boldly... Let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself—nameless unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance..."

Yet our distress comes from no failure of substance. Compared with the perils which our forefathers conquered because they believed and were not afraid... Plenty is now at our doorstep. But a generous use of it languishes in the very sight of supply... when there is no vision the people perish..."

The measure of the restoration lies in the extent to which we apply social values more noble than mere monetary profit... These dark days will be worth all they cost us if they teach us that our true destiny is not to be ministered unto but to minister to ourselves and to our fellow men..."

From these inspiring words and from the brilliant leadership of President Roosevelt, the United States regained first place as the leading economic force in the world which it still maintains today.

Many people have forgotten that President Roosevelt was himself disabled having suffered infantile paralysis in his left leg, which made him partially paralyzed. As a result he had to move around in a wheelchair. With indomitable courage he conquered his personal fears as well as the fears of a nation.

However coupled with our fear of economic distress, we have another major problem. We are becoming "a house divided." I recall a quote from a speech by Abraham Lincoln spoken in June 16, 1858, in Springfield, Illinois, before he became president of the United States. The speech contains the quotation "A house divided against itself cannot stand," which is taken from Matthew 12:25. As I repeat the quote, I substitute the word "slavery" for "nonresident worker." See if the imagery fits with the situation we are facing here in the CNMI. Forgive me for the liberty I have taken with the quote but it seems so appropriate.

"A house divided against itself cannot stand." I believe this government cannot endure, permanently, half "nonresident worker",

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half free. I do not expect the CNMI to be dissolved—I do not expect the house to fall—but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing or all the other.

Either the opponents of "nonresident-workers" will arrest the further spread of it, and place it where the public mind shall rest in the belief that it is in the course of ultimate extinction; or its advocates will push it forward, till it shall become alike lawful in all the States...—in the CNMI and in the United States.

The above quotes are very powerful thoughts from two of the world's greatest leaders. Hopefully they will also stimulate and arouse us in our hour of need. If you recall President Lincoln did save the United States from being divided. But he had to go to war to do so.

We too are in a sort of war—a war of words—between the U.S. and the CNMI. We must understand that negotiations and compromises are the civilized ways to resolve different viewpoints. From my study of history, I have learned that when men stop talking to each other, they resort to devastating

physical wars. Pray that we will never come to that.

Societies before us have been as destitute and as confused as we are now. Somehow they managed to pull themselves out of their dire situations. And so must we! This is not the time for whining!

We seem to have lost the will and drive to make things happen. We refuse to make sacrifices. We are acting as an ostrich with its head in the sand refusing to accept reality. As I see it, the only thing that will happen to the ostrich is that it will be kicked in the rear.

When are we going to roll up our sleeves and go to work? When are we going to help ourselves and do for ourselves what has to be done? When are we going to stop begging for strangers to come

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The United States needs us. We and Guam have become their frontline for defense. If you recall during the Second World War, Guam and the CNMI were occupied by the Japanese. Hawaii was America's frontline for defense. Now we have replaced Hawaii. If we fully comprehend all of this, we will realize why federalization is so important to the U.S. At the same time it is a trump card for us only if we learn to play it. Are we ready to accept the challenge?

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Enabling the disabled, unable, and under-able

Been hanging out of NMPASI on Middle Road, host to the Autism Society’s gathering room, and the service node for the 360 one-stop shop of the Disabilities Council. In the month of May, a drop-in point for those teetering at the edges of mental health and homelessness. The pictures of my two children are on the wall of the autism room, along with photos of other children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

Two years ago, members of the AS-CNMI decided to publicly display images of children and family. We began using the term “differently-abled” to indicate that we might be mistakenly focusing on what the children are allegedly missing, desperately trying to fix what is broken, rather than knowing who they are, discerning what they can do, and eliciting how they feel; school independent education plans (IEPs) are directed on what they are assessed to be deficient in rather than on what they do excel at.

(The current Vila vs. BoE case stems, I believe, from this understanding that BoE obligates itself to deliver services to fix perceived deficiencies rather than focus its efforts in enabling and empowering what a child is good at in order for one, like any other person receiving public education, to journey on adequately to adult existence, disabled, unable, or under-able. The Vila case will undoubtedly be treated simply as a legal matter, but as stated in the foregoing, it is a deeper educational issue that applies as much to PSS special education recipients as it does to public education in general.)

In an April gathering, I engaged in conversation one of the children at the center. The child was assisting other children with the toys and games in the room. I asked if he enjoyed coming to the center, and he said, “Yes.” I asked why, and he just blurted out: “because the restrooms are clean!”

It is not perhaps, the primary answer NMPASI staff would expect to hear from their constituency but given staff members Greg Borja and Tom Thornburgh’s known affinity to physical challenges such as those of the Outward Bound program, and sports, the answer does not stray far from the staff’s emphasis on physicality as the beginning point in dealing with whatever is considered socially and legally a disability. Food, health, clothing and shelter are after all of

Many of my war veteran mentors, when asked of their foxhole recollections, attest that no one dies for “country and the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness” in the abstract. They die in the concretion of buddies, a squad, of pictures of family, and loved ones stuck in their breast pockets. The falling Marine flinging his body over the barbwires of combat so that his comrades can step over his body to advance to enemy positions is a universally held image. The ideological and virtue implications are unmistakable, but the camaraderie of flesh and bones willing to inject itself at a specific place and in a definite time, before a concrete situation that involves other bodies, is what moves history.

By **JAIME VERGARA**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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immediate concern before anything else. In the autistic community, the story of Temple Grandin, whose sensitivity to her position within a given space allowed her to show empathy to how cattle behave in confinement, is well known. Her life story and career is now told in a movie. Diagnosed with Asperger’s syndrome within ASD, she managed to zero in on what she was good at rather than wallow in despair for what she was deficient in. In pedagogy, it is helpful to distinguish between sense data that is verifiable (science), emotional expression that establishes empathy (psychology), cognition that allows for common understanding (philosophy), and willfulness that arrives at a consensus of what to do (ethics). But while these categories can be held as varied disciplines, they are not so easily separable in practice and in the conduct of daily living. It is no surprise then that a college textbook on philosophy is titled *Philosophy of the Flesh*, understanding that sense experience is fundamental to empathy (heartiness), cognition (mindfulness), and the courage to act (willfulness).

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Haanen man-matai gi gera

Kada sakan ta celebra este na ha’ane (Memorial Day) para ta onra i man-matai siha gi gera deste sindalu yan tautauta mismu. Un’ fehman na tinayuyut para ayu i sumakrifisia siha na sindalu yan natibu ni man-dinanche bala gi duranten geran dos guine.

Megai na sindalu parehu atmos banda, Amerikano yan Japonese, man-matai entalu kanton tasi hulu esta iya Tagpochau, katan Magpi, luchan esta Afetña. Guaha gi tautauta man-matai duranten ‘nai man-e’ eneñkanu ‘sino hanom gi hiyuñg liyañg. Guaha dinanche gi estrakadan ‘nai umasaulag i dos enemigu.

Para todú i minasapet, pininite, finatai sindalu yan parenta mau-leg ta hahassu siha pagu na haane gi tinayuyotta. Gi mismu tiempu, mauleg lokue tana saunau ginagau pas para enteru elmundu pagu na haane.

Relasion yan Amerika

Hagas ta fatañgaye ‘sino lumetke dichu asuntun linahyan siha. Ayu ta prekura i hafa gaige gi ridondun konbeñiente. Lokue, apenanas dinaña natibu para u ina hafa debi u petsige gi proteksion ta sasañgan direchota gumubietnon maisa hit. Lau, mueye’ este na fina’ kinimite sa’ ti man-satton hit gi man-sustansiau siha na asuntu linahyan.

Gaige gi kontratan inakonfotman relasionta yan federat na debi u adelanta linalata i federat ginen inatuñgu’ man-mauleg siha na programa. I puntu pot para tafan siña un’ dia manachu gi dos adeñgta sin katsun federat. I federat ti ha petsige este na patte gi obligasioña taimanu mapega papa gi kontratan i covenant.

Gi karera mona, ni hita tita apagat i federat nu este na obligasioña ‘sino finatsu. Buente bula salape guihe na tiempu ayu mina man-diskuidau hit nu este na asuntu. Ha gacha hit pagu mampos chatsaga linala’ta pot ginen este na diskuidu. Bira birada, sige hit manmatcha halom gi kotte dimas mohon de ta prekura muna’ guaha fina’ tolai pot para ta rinueba i relasionta.

Seguruyu na kumu mohon este na chalan ta prekura, mas maug’ sensian pinasensia gi todú sustansiau na asuntun relasion yan Amerika. Ha sede hit umestablese inatuñgo yan inakomprende gi obligasion todú atmos banda gi establisau esta na relasion. Guaha sasyan ma-establese (Commission on Federal Laws) ni matai silensiu kumu un’ chalan para ta ina todú priniponen lai ni para Marianas. Ni hita tita apagat Amerika nu este na sasyan. Kulan acha udu todú atmos banda. Pagu ni unu tumuñgu chachalaña este na chinatsaga.

Ta sotta gi kaprichoña i asuntu. Man-diskuidau hit gi asuntu siha ‘nai debi u guaha satton na sensian inadahe. Ti hu tuñgu kau hayuta

man-gupot ‘nai kimasoson atuf gima’ta. Lastima i appottunidade siha gi mapos na trenta años.

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Iya Japon ha disidi para u onra kontrataña yan Estados Unidos De Amerika pot lugat militat giya Okinawa. Taya kampu para u chansa Japon kumetulaika ayu na kontrata. Piot sa’ sige man-imbestin chagu i sankattan na Korea.

Makat na disision sa’ i para mana’ suhan militat ginen Okinawa mafattu ginen i tautau gi señgsuñg siha. I kabesanten Japon as Señor Yukio Hatoyama ha promesa tautau Okinawa na para u tatitue dinisehan niha. Estague na promesa muna fan gana kumu Prime Minister para Japon. Lau, makat ha komple ennau na promesaña.

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Giya Pagan diariu, guaha siempre kahulu gi hegsu para u rikonose hafa gaige gi oriyen tanu. ‘An ha lie’ batko gi chagu, umesalau, “sueno”. Este na palabra abusu para i señgsuñg na guaha batko mamamaila.

Gi enteru tanu paraisu, i pajarú gi mapagahes, sessu lokue kumate “sueno” para u abisa hit na guaha mauleg ‘sino chinatsaga para u finatoigüe. Memegaiña na tita huñgog ayu na katen pajarú. Uttimoña ha palopu’ hit todú klasen induktu. I puntu: mauleg tafan eyag man-ekuñgo abisun sueno. Presisu este maseha pot para satbasionta.

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Gi hayen hasas offisinan Depattamenton Public Works, guaha

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un’ sagan chumochu (restaurant) ni diariu mabesisita ni empleau siha ni man-gaige gi oriya.

Megai ‘nai man-ginacha i los prohimus man-brok (broke) ya mafia nesessidat niha deste amotsa, sandwich, gimen, chupan yan mama’. Mapromesa i dueñu na esta’i Bietnes gi pagamientu ‘nai para umana’ empas kuantan niha.

Gi Bietnes dispues de amotsan taloane, humanau i dueñu para i Public Works para u fañgobla. Ni unu gaige sa’ todú man-a’atog pot no u fan man-apase. Uttimoña mahuchom i resturan sa’ brok. Mafachaleg i dueñu sa’ man-libre siha ginen dibin niha. Lau i dueñu uttimu chumachaleg ‘nai ha pega halom i dibi siha gi kotte.

A’ Saina sa’ lache i kodu na biahe. Todus mamifila dispues para u fan man-apase dibi. Magahet na chanseru mañan natibu lau mahñau ‘nai atoridat kotte dumisponse. De dios mihu!

Letter to the Editor

Joseph, really?

Upon reading your letter to the editor published by one paper on Saturday, May 29, I find myself in some disbelief about three points you raised.

1. “Let them all be processed through the normal procedures without special consideration. After all we are a fair country and all should be treated equally. Go through the normal process; it would be unfair to others who have gone through the costly and time-consuming procedures”. Were YOU (and your fellow islanders) processed “through normal procedures without special consideration” in 1986?

2. “If a person is doing an outstanding job it is through the

process of promotion and salary increase that the employer shows such appreciation.” Was it not you that abetted the withholding of any increases in local wage structure until the Federal government stepped in and mandated such increases?






3. “Thus with the number of people going to other U.S. Jurisdiction we have to scramble and compete for a share of the H1 and H2 visas under the federal immigration lottery system and good luck with that!” Is it not true that the US-CIS, through implementation of PL 110-229 has removed the H1 and H2 lottery system from application to the NMI and has set the number of “aliens” at least at the current level (or “as needed without limitation by national quota”) until such time as the transition period lapses – which could be MANY years?

Dr. Thomas D. Arkle Jr.
San Jose, Tinian

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Mostly sunny with a slight chance of showers. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Southeast winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲89° ▼79°	▲89° ▼79°	▲89° ▼79°	▲89° ▼79°	▲89° ▼79°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲87 ▼80
Palau	Cloudy	▲86 ▼7
Yap	Sunny	▲88 ▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲84 ▼78
Kosrae	Showers	▲88 ▼79
Majuro	Partly Sunny	▲84 ▼78

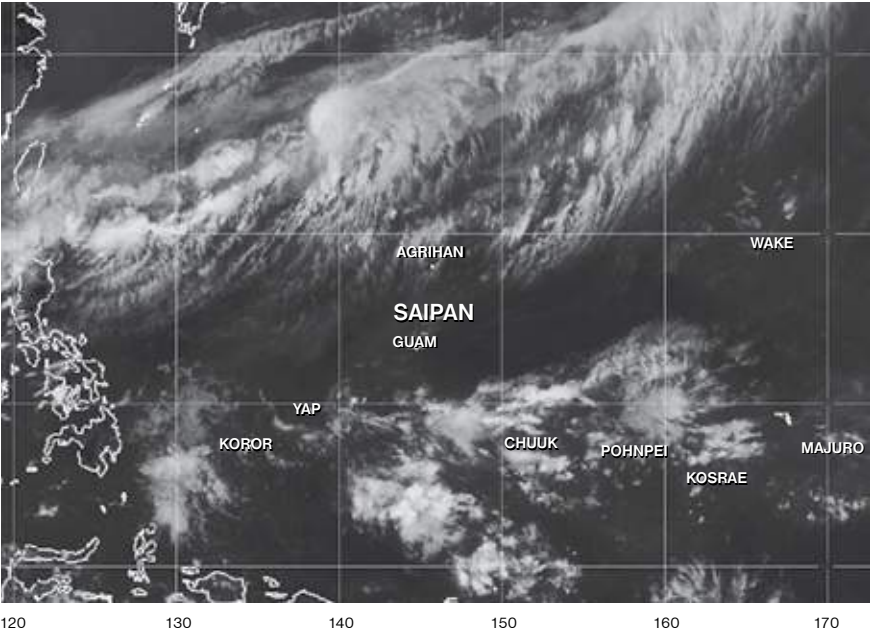
Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	▲60 ▼55
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲82 ▼61
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲81 ▼76
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲85 ▼73
London	Partly Cloudy	▲66 ▼53
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲81 ▼58
Manila	Thundershowers	▲92 ▼85
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲64 ▼45
Miami	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼77
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲87 ▼66
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲73 ▼61
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲67 ▼49
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲65 ▼54
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲74 ▼58
Salem	Showers	▲69 ▼54
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲67 ▼53
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲76 ▼55
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲70 ▼58
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲89 ▼72

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
4:10 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet	
8:33 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
4:10 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet	
11:25 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Mid latitude low pressure is centered just southwest of Chi Chi Jima near 25N138E. Southwest winds converging near the low are producing clouds and scattered showers northwest of a line from 25N145E to 20N130E. A weakening cold front extends southwestward from 25N155E to end near 23n149e. Cloudiness and patchy rain are occurring just north of Minami Tori Shima along and up to 125 miles northwest of the front. A surface trough extends northward from 2N131E to 7N131E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are present southwest of Koror within 75 miles of the trough. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southeast of Yap within 125 miles of a line from 5N142E to 3N147E. Northwest of Chuuk within 75 miles of a line from 9N146E to 8N147E just south of Chuuk within 60 miles of a line from 7N151E to 6N153E and finally just north of Pohnpei and Kosrae within 100 miles of a line from 10N159E to 7N165E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:44 PM
Tuesday	5:46 AM	6:44 PM
Wednesday	5:46 AM	6:44 PM
Thursday	5:46 AM	6:44 PM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:45 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:37 PM	8:20 AM
Tuesday	10:19 PM	9:12 AM
Wednesday	10:58 PM	10:03 AM
Thursday	11:35 PM	10:51 AM
Friday		11:38 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 27, 2010

DEPARTURES	ARRIVALS
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM C09597 5:00am 5:30am 1, 5	GUAM-ROTA (ROP) C09598 6:30pm 7:00pm 4, 7
SAIPAN-GUAM C09317 4:25am 5:15am Daily C09313 8:30am 9:20am Daily C09601 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7 C09603 3:05pm 3:55pm Daily C09605 6:35pm 7:25pm Daily C09599 9:35pm 10:25pm Daily	GUAM-SAIPAN C09316 2:45am 3:35am Daily C09596 7:00am 7:50am Daily C09600 10:05am 10:55am Daily C09602 1:40pm 2:30pm 1, 4, 5, 7 C09604 5:10pm 6:00pm Daily C09606 8:10pm 9:00pm Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT) DL287 5:55am 8:35am Daily DL297 3:35pm 6:15pm Daily DL289 4:35pm 7:15pm Daily	NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN DL290 10:00am 2:35pm Daily DL298 10:30am 3:05pm Daily DL288 8:40pm 1:15am+1 Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS) OZ608 3:20am 6:50am 1, 5	BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN OZ607 9:00pm 2:20am+1 4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN) OZ604 2:20am 6:10am 1 OZ604 2:50am 6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 OZ606 3:30pm 7:00pm 2, 4, 6, 7	SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN OZ605 9:00am 2:30pm 2, 4, 6, 7 OZ603 7:40pm 1:10am+1 7 OZ603 8:10pm 1:40am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
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ENABLING

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the camaraderie of flesh and bones willing to inject itself at a specific place and in a definite time, before a concrete situation that involves other bodies, is what moves history.

In our time, with the senseless pursuit of economic advantage in acquiring oil in the Middle East and elsewhere to feed habits of profligate consumption, resulting in military conflicts artificially draped in flag and patriotic rhetoric, we are realizing that asking what one is willing to die for is no longer as important as determining what one is willing to live for. Final expenditure is only an extreme option when the alternative of

continuing engagement has come to a dead end. But before that, brain and brawn is now recognizing that our current focus on limitations and liabilities is not as productive as attending to possibilities and inventorying the assets. Many times, we are stuck within the limitation of our comprehension, and fail to heed the yearnings of our hearts for the possible.

Thus, it is that the child's ease and comfort in being at the NMPASI Autism Center stems from the instinctive understanding that if the place bothered enough to keep the toilets clean, it must be an OK place "that cares for people."

It is perhaps time to assess the power of feeling in our lives. When the foreigner says, "I've been here so long and in-

vested so much of myself that I no longer have anywhere else to call home," and the indigene, with the same depth of pathos, exclaims: "I have become a stranger to my own home and I am becoming a subject of radical change without my consent," if we listen hard, we might hear a similar desire to participate in deciding the fate of one's destiny. That's where enabling and empowering belong.

To the lad at the Autism Center, a clean restroom is a secure place to start. And if asked why I hang out so much at NMPASI, other than having joined the ranks of the disabled, unable, and under-able, I have a pat answer: "Their toilets are clean! I need that if I have to contemplate flinging my remaining days into the barbwires of history!"

we have replaced Hawaii. If we fully comprehend all of this, we will realize why federalization is so important to the U.S. At the same time it is a trump card for us only if we learn to play it. Are we ready to accept the challenge?

Let us recall that for more than 25 years the U.S. has spent over a billion dollars on capital improvement infrastructure in the form of program grants. Why do you think it has been doing that? Most of the money we have generated locally has gone to support an increased payroll. Isn't it time to say thank you and work out their needs and our needs in a sane and civilized manner?

To those of us who aspired to be our leaders, we ask that you lead boldly and wisely without fear. Carry forth the brave words of President Roosevelt and motivate us to help ourselves. The trumpet of bold leadership calls you forth. We, the people, beg you to lead boldly and unselfishly.

Unite our house. "A house divided against itself cannot stand." Should we fall, it will be because of this internal dissension. As a result it will be easy for any outside force to topple us. Let us mend our disagreements through compromises and stand united.

Give us the vision of a new horizon. As President Roosevelt said: "when there is no vision the people perish... The measure of the restoration lies in the extent to which we apply

social values more than mere monetary profit." Strong and deliberate leadership with clear vision is required. We have 29 men and women in the Legislature and a governor and lieutenant governor. Isn't it time to lead without fear? Isn't it time to mend our house?

It is time to put aside all the lame excuses why we cannot help ourselves and the United States at the same time. We are first citizens of the United States and second citizens of the CNMI. It is not the other way around. A house divided against itself cannot stand. As long as we desire to enjoy the benefits of being U.S. citizens, we must work together as citizens responding to a call to duty.

It is time to come together. No excuses, no fears. Let's face the sunshine and seek the rainbow. There truly is a pot of gold there. We are enjoying what millions long for. We are awash in plenty and blessed more than we appreciate. Let us not lose it for it will never be regained. Let us control our fears and mend our house and the future awaits with open arms to prosperity.

I am very optimistic about the future of the CNMI and its people. **"The past is a ghost, the future is a dream, and all we ever have is now."** Let us embrace the future. Let us not fear it, but have faith in it. May God grant our leaders and us the wisdom to know the difference from what is right and what is wrong and the courage to make the proper decisions!

then, political foes have been beaten and jailed.

Today, membership in the Meles party is required for almost any educational or professional advancement. Journalists are afraid to criticize the regime. So are ordinary people, who say retaliation might cost them their jobs, or worse. They have good reason to keep quiet. But what about this country? Will its war keep it from speaking the truth to an ally?

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L O C A L

ADVERTISING FEATURE

Help McDonald's help Red Cross

The most recognizable fastfood restaurant in the world will be donating a portion of its earnings in June for the most well known international humanitarian movement.

Starting June 5 and the succeeding Saturdays of the month, McDonald's Saipan will be setting aside 20 percent of its sales in its Middle Road and Beach Road stores to the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter.

No less than McDonald's Saipan owner and general manager Joe Ayuyu and ARC-NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh announced the undertaking—dubbed "Help McDonald's Help"—during a media interview last Friday.

"McDonald's and Red Cross will be distributing raffle tickets for free. Each ticketholder is invited to come to McDonald's every Saturday for the month of June. For every purchase made by each ticketholder to any McDonald's Saipan location, 20 percent will be donated to the American Red Cross," said Ayuyu.

Hirsh welcomed the donation and said the ARC-NMI Chapter is always honored and privileged to receive donations from groups, more so if such a company is as prestigious a brand as McDonald's.

He said when McDonald's called him up about the partnership, it was a no-brainer to agree to be part of the "Help McDonald's Help" campaign.

Hirsh also encouraged ARC-NMI Chapter members and partners to participate in the promotion and patronize McDonald's not only during all four Saturdays of June but



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McDonald's Saipan owner and general manager Joe Ayuyu, second from right, and ARC-NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh, second from left, announced the launch of the fastfood restaurant's "Help McDonald's Help" campaign last Friday at McDonald's Middle Road. Also in photo are McDonald's general supervisor Ana Olaes, left, and Ayuyu's wife and store manager, Marcia.

all throughout the year.

Ayuyu said the donation to the ARC-NMI Chapter is the brainchild of his wife, Marcia, who also serves as McDonald's store manager.

"We were discussing one day what's the best way to give back and help the community and she suggested, since American Red Cross has always been in the forefront of local humanitarian efforts, it would be ideal to give the donation to the ARC-NMI Chapter, he said.

Aside from the "Help McDonald's Help" campaign, the fastfood restaurant will also hold a very special raffle drawing at the end of the month for loyal McDonald's customers.

General supervisor Ana Olaes said that each "Help McDonald's Help" ticketholder will also be eligible to join the raffle if they meet the \$15 required minimum purchase at McDonald's.

She said only purchases made from all Saturdays of June—June 5, 12, 19, and 26—be-

tween 8am to 2pm will be valid. Receipt of purchase must be attached to the raffle stub.

The grand raffle drawing will be held on June 26, 3pm at McDonald's Middle Road. Deadline for submission of raffle ticket is on June 26, 2pm

Prizes for the "Help McDonald's Help" raffle include the following:

- First prize: Roundtrip ticket for one from Saipan to anywhere in Asia, courtesy of Delta Airlines
- Second prize: \$500
- Third prize: LCD flat screen TV
- Fourth prize: iPod
- Fifth prize: Microwave oven

McDonald's will also be raffling off 10 consolation prizes. Tickets for "Help McDonald's Help" can be picked up from both McDonald's locations and the ARC-NMI Chapter office along Airport Road.

For more information, call 235-8761 or e-mail mcdonalds@pticom.com. *(Saipan Tribune)*

KHS JROTC holds change of command ceremony

Kagman High School's Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps held its change of command ceremony last May 20 at the KHS campus.

C/LTC Jhumilyn S. Esposo received "The Association Of The United States Army Medal" for a job well done and incoming commander C/MAJ Debra C. Buekis received her new post, as she became the new Ayuyu Battalion Commander and promoted to cadet lieutenant colonel.

Both Esposo and Buekis have outstanding leadership capabilities and they have worked very hard to reach the prestigious position of battalion commander in the JROTC.

The passing of the unit flag colors from the outgoing commander to KHS principal Alfred Ada to the incoming commander symbolized the changing/assumption of command and the total responsibility



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Kagman High School principal Alfred Ada receives the unit colors and passes them to incoming KHS Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps commander C/LTC Debra Buekis.

ity for what the battalion does or does not do from this point on.

Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos and other dignitaries were also present during the turnover ceremony and watched the Ayuyu Battalion perform the pass-in-review exercise.

Inos also gave an inspirational speech to KHS students. It was the lieutenant governor's first change of command ceremony and he said he was quite impressed on how well the cadets executed this event. *(PR)*

BAD

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Thousands of Ethiopians were tortured, murdered, or "disappeared" under Mengistu's authority. Forced relocations ordered by his Marxist government, drought, and disease had made the country a basket case by the time Meles took over. President Bill Clinton called Meles part of a "new generation" of African leaders.

In fact, Meles has moved Ethiopia forward in many respects.

He has greatly improved educational and economic opportunity in the past 19 years. But, like others whose power was derived at the point of a gun, he has no tolerance for dissent. Elections are only a prop for these autocrats, who believe only they are capable of leading their countries.

Meles certainly didn't want a repeat of the 2005 elections, when an opposition coalition won enough seats to make him nervous. A subsequent crackdown on those protesting his victory as fraudulent left hundreds of people dead. Since

Business

BP's top kill effort fails to plug Gulf oil leak

ROBERT, La. (AP)—The most ambitious bid yet to stop the worst oil spill in U.S. history ended in failure Saturday after BP was unable to overwhelm the gusher of crude with heavy fluids and junk. President Obama called the setback “as enraging as it is heartbreaking.”

The oil giant immediately began readying its next attempted fix, using robot submarines to cut the pipe that’s gushing the oil and cap it with funnel-like device, but the only guaranteed solution remains more than two months away.

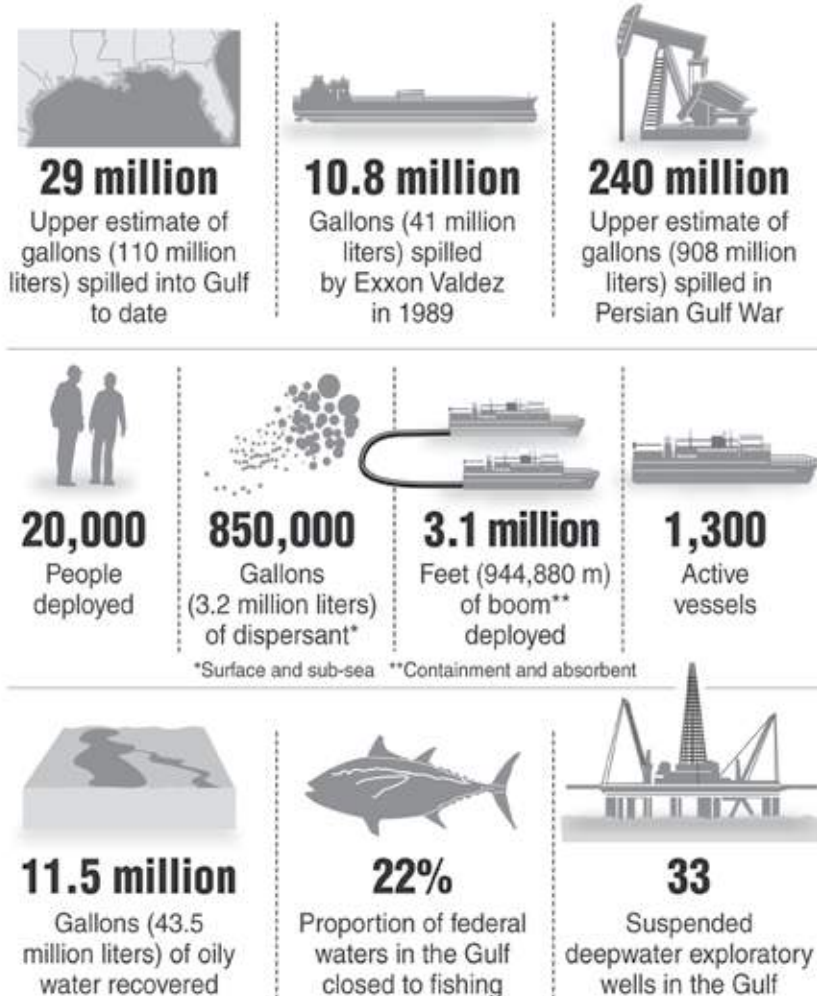
The company determined the “top kill” had failed after it spent three days pumping heavy drilling mud into the crippled well 5,000 feet underwater. It’s the latest in a series of failures to stop the crude that’s fouling marshland and beaches, as estimates of how much oil is leaking grow more dire.

The spill is the worst in U.S. history—exceeding even the 1989 Exxon Valdez disaster—and has dumped between 18 million and 40 million gallons into the Gulf, according to government estimates.

“This scares everybody, the fact that we can’t make this well stop flowing, the fact that we haven’t succeeded so far,” BP PLC Chief Operating Officer Doug Suttles said Saturday. “Many of the things we’re trying have been done on the surface before, but have never been tried at 5,000 feet.”

Frustration has grown as drifting oil closes beaches and washes up in

Oil spill by the numbers



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sensitive marshland. The damage is underscored by images of pelicans and their eggs coated in oil. Below the surface, oyster beds and shrimp nurseries face certain death. Fishermen complain there’s no end in sight to the catastrophe that’s keeping their boats idle.

News that the top kill fell short drew a sharply worded response from President Barack Obama, a day after he visited the Gulf Coast to see the damage firsthand.

“It is as enraging as it is heartbreaking, and we will not relent until this leak is contained, until the waters and shores are cleaned up, and until the people unjustly victimized by this

manmade disaster are made whole,” Obama said Saturday.

In the days after the spill, BP was unable to use robot submarines to close valves on the massive blow-out preventer atop the damaged well, then two weeks later ice-like crystals clogged a 100-ton box the company tried placing over the leak. Earlier this week, engineers removed a mile-long siphon tube after it sucked up a disappointing 900,000 gallons of oil from the gusher.

In the latest try, BP engineers pumped more than 1.2 million gallons of heavy drilling mud into the well and also shot in assorted junk, including metal pieces and rubber balls.

Wal-Mart makes splashy price cuts to get mojo back

NEW YORK (AP)—Wal-Mart is counting on \$1 ketchup bottles and sub-\$4 cases of Coke to get its low-price mojo back.

The sharp cuts at its U.S. Walmart stores, which came ahead of Memorial Day weekend, have already pushed rivals such as Target into price wars. And the mark-downs are expected to keep coming throughout the summer.

They’re one of the boldest moves the world’s largest retailer is making to turn around sluggish business at its U.S. namesake chain and win back shoppers from rivals. The cuts aren’t across the store but target 22 foods and other essentials at an average savings of 30 percent—splashy enough to get attention and perhaps change perceptions.

The world’s largest retailer is also restoring items like certain soups and laundry detergent it stopped carrying when it tried to declutter its stores. It’s also pushing more basic clothing such as socks and underwear after putting too much focus on trendy items that didn’t sell.

Wal-Mart was one of the few beneficiaries when the Great Recession be-

gan, as shoppers traded down to save money. Now it’s having trouble keeping customers in a slowly recovering economy. Cash-strapped shoppers are looking elsewhere for better deals such as dollar stores and local grocery

chains. And some wealthier customers, feeling more flush, are starting to head back to the mall.

Wal-Mart, which generated more than \$400 billion in revenue in 2009, has blamed stubbornly high unemployment and tight credit for adding even more financial strain on its blue-collar customers, some of whom have limited access to financial

services and are running out of unemployment benefits.

But it also takes part of the blame for four straight quarters of declines in revenue at Walmart stores open at least a year. That’s a key indicator of a retailer’s health.

“Wal-Mart is all about price, and they’re all about one-stop shopping. Those are the key ingredients,” said Bob Buchanan, a former retail analyst who now teaches finance at Saint Louis University. “Now, you kind of scratch your head and wonder if either of them are true.”



This undated file photo provided by Wal-Mart Stores Inc., shows the company’s sign in front of their Bentonville, Ark., headquarters.

States passing budget cuts onto local governments

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP)—Confronted with severe revenue shortfalls, some states have found a convenient way of softening painful cutbacks and avoiding statewide tax increases: They’ve passed the buck to their counterparts in cities and counties.

Traditionally, many states help bear the cost of jailing inmates, paving roads, running libraries and providing other services in local areas. Now, states are paring back their payments, leaving local leaders to decide how to make up the difference.

“They’re shafting counties big time,” complained Gene Oakley, the presiding commissioner of Carter County in rural southeast Missouri.

Missouri has reduced its payments to counties for holding prisoners and given local police the responsibility for conducting stings on undercover

drinking and smoking. Yet Missouri lawmakers have declined to change a law preventing counties from making their own midyear budget cuts.

Similar cost-shifting is occurring across the nation, from Arizona to Maryland and Michigan to Mississippi. And more is likely to come.

States already have closed more than \$174 billion in budget gaps during the 2010 fiscal year, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. The NCSL says three-fourths of states are projecting shortfalls next year totaling an additional \$89 billion, a figure which has been rising.

Local governments face many of the same economic problems as states, including declining sales or property tax revenues. And just as states depend heavily on federal money, many counties rely on state revenues to make their

budgets.

In a recent national survey, municipalities blamed reductions in state aid for a third of the more than \$56 billion shortfall they face for 2010-2012.

“In effect, we had to do double the cuts we normally would have had to make,” said Chris Bradley, a deputy budget director for Maricopa County, Ariz., the fourth-largest county in the U.S. “We had to cut to cover our own revenue shortfall, then we had to cut to cover for them.”

State aid to Maryland counties has been cut to levels not seen since early 1980s, said Harford County Executive David Craig, president of the Maryland Association of Counties. Some local governments are considering tax hikes on cell phones, utilities and soft drinks to help cover the shortfall in state aid, Craig said.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Alaska pipeline company restarts pipeline

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)—The operator of the trans-Alaska pipeline system said late Friday it has restarted the 800-mile line idled after a contained spill this week. The pipeline was shut down for 79 hours and 40 minutes, Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. spokeswoman Michelle Egan said. That’s its longest shutdown in at least a decade, surpassing the more than 66 hours it was down in November 2002 due to an earthquake. The line from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez has been down since

Tuesday, when Alyeska said a power failure during a planned shutdown allowed about 5,000 barrels of oil to spill into a containment area at Pump Station 9, about 100 miles south of Fairbanks. “New oil has successfully been pumped through Pump Station 9 and we’re doing that now steadily,” Egan said Friday night. “That’s a significant milestone after a shutdown.”

UK Treasury minister resigns amid expenses scandal

LONDON (AP)—A senior minister

in Britain’s new coalition government resigned Saturday after admitting that he claimed tens of thousands of pounds (dollars) in taxpayers’ money to pay rent to his long-term partner. David Laws said he would step down immediately as Chief Treasury Secretary, a role he had occupied for less than a month. He will be replaced by fellow Liberal Democrat Danny Alexander. It was the first major setback to Prime Minister David Cameron’s coalition government, which had promised to crack down on politicians’ abuse of expense claims. Hundreds of lawmakers in the previous Parliament

had used taxpayers’ money to fund everything from swanky second homes to horse manure and a mole catcher. Five lawmakers have been charged with false accounting, and scores of others were either forced to resign or decided not to run for office again.

3 Fla. banks, 1 each in Nev., Calif. shut down

WASHINGTON (AP)—Regulators on Friday shut down three banks in Florida and one each in Nevada and California, bringing the number of U.S. bank failures this year to 78. The

Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. took over the Florida banks, all owned by holding company Bank of Florida Corp. They are Bank of Florida-Southeast, based in Fort Lauderdale, with \$595.3 million in assets; Bank of Florida-Southwest, based in Naples, with \$640.9 million in assets; and Bank of Florida-Tampa Bay, based in Tampa, with \$245.2 million in assets. The FDIC also seized Las Vegas-based Sun West Bank, with \$360.7 million in assets, and Granite Community Bank, located in Granite Bay, Calif., with \$102.9 million in assets.

Nation

Thousands march to protest Ariz. immigration law

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP)—Thousands of people from around the country descended on the Phoenix area Saturday as supporters and opponents of Arizona's tough new crackdown on illegal immigration held separate rallies.

Marchers carrying signs, banners and flags from the United States and Mexico filled a 5 mile stretch of central Phoenix, demanding that the federal government refuse to cooperate with Arizona authorities trying to enforce the law.

Police declined to estimate the size of the crowd, but it appeared at least 10,000 to 20,000 protesters braved 94-degree heat. Organizers had said they expected the demonstration to bring as many as 50,000 people.

Opponents of the law suspended their boycott against Arizona and bused in protesters from around the country. Some used umbrellas or cardboard signs to protect their faces from the sun. Volunteers handed out water bottles from the beds of pickup trucks, and organizers set up three water stations along the route.

About 20 people were treated for heat or fatigue-related symptoms, and seven of them were taken to a hospital, said Phoenix police spokesman Sgt. Tommy Thompson. There were no arrests or other incidents, he said.

The law's opponents also gathered at capitols in states including Texas and Oregon, and about 300 people protested at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City demanding legalization for un-



A woman protests against Arizona immigration law in front of the US Embassy in Mexico City, Saturday, May 29, 2010. The sign reads in Spanish "Death Camp. Law SB1070." AP

documented Mexican workers in the United States.

"Many of us have relatives or friends in the U.S. and we must now stand up and speak out on their behalf," said Elvira Arellano, who gained international attention in 2007 when she was deported without her U.S. citizen son.

In San Francisco, about 500 people gathered Saturday night outside AT&T Park, where the Giants were playing

the Arizona Diamondbacks. Leaders of the rally said it was organized to help push for a boycott against Arizona.

About 7,000 supporters of Arizona's law gathered Saturday evening at a baseball stadium in suburban Tempe, encouraging like-minded Americans to "boycott" Arizona by planning vacations in the state.

Charlene Pellin answered that call. The 64-year-old suicide prevention

speaker drove to Phoenix for a four-day vacation from her home in Huntington Beach, Calif., to attend Saturday's rally.

"Hopefully if enough people show support for Arizona more states will follow suit," Pellin said.

Supporters said they are standing with Arizona for trying to enforce immigration laws because the federal government has failed to do so.

1,000th GI killed in Afghan war was on 2nd tour

KERRVILLE, Texas (AP)—The 1,000th American serviceman killed in Afghanistan had already fallen once to a hidden explosive, driving his Humvee over a bomb in Iraq in 2007. The blast punched the dashboard radio into his face and broke his leg in two places.

Marine Cpl. Jacob C. Leicht didn't survive his second encounter with a bomb this week. The death of the 24-year-old Texan born on the Fourth of July marks a grim milestone in the Afghanistan war.

Leicht, who spent two painful years recovering from the Iraq blast, was killed Thursday when he stepped on a land mine in Helmand province that ripped off his right arm. He had written letters from his hospital bed begging to be put back on the front lines, and died less than a month into that desperately sought second tour.

An Associated Press tally shows Leicht is the 1,000th U.S. serviceman killed in the Afghan conflict. The first death—nearly nine years ago—was also a soldier from the San Antonio area.

"He said he always wanted to die for his country and be remembered," said Jesse Leicht, his younger brother. "He didn't want to die having a heart attack or just being an old man. He wanted to die for something."

The AP bases its tally on Defense Department reports of deaths suffered as a direct result of the Afghan conflict, including personnel assigned to units in Afghanistan, Pakistan or Uzbekistan.

Other news organizations count deaths suffered by service members as-



signed elsewhere as part of Operation Enduring Freedom, which includes operations in the Philippines, the Horn of Africa and at the U.S. detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Leicht's brothers told the AP that the military also told the family that his death put the toll at 1,000.

When military officers went to tell Leicht's parents that their adopted son had died in combat, sheriff's deputies had to help navigate them to the 130-acre family ranch tucked impossibly deep in the Texas Hill Country.

Jonathan Leicht, left, and Jesse Leicht, right, pose with a photo of their brother, Marine Cpl. Jacob Leicht, Saturday, May 29, 2010, in Kerrville, Texas. AP

Bulgarian accused of stealing dead boy's identity

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—His war hero grandfather and namesake fought the Nazis, his parents are respected scientific scholars in Bulgaria, and a former Reagan administration lawyer and his physician wife helped raise him as a teenager, all predicting a bright future.

Doitchin Krastev walked away from it all in college and vanished about 15 years ago, eventually assuming the identity of a 3-year-old Ohio boy killed during a kidnapping.

If Krastev had not applied for a passport, if the State Department had not begun running its own checks on death certificates, if a ski trip had been forgotten, Krastev might still be Jason Robert Evers, an Oregon Li-

quor Control Commission investigator nearly halfway around the world from his native Bulgaria.

"When the State Department investigators called me up, the call was: 'Listen you better be sitting down, this is really going to be something,'" said Michael Horowitz, former general counsel for the Office of Management and Budget in the Reagan administration. Horowitz befriended Krastev's parents, Dincho and Baychinskia Krastev, while he was visiting Russia and Eastern Europe and researching ways to help the scientific community recover after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Dincho Krastev is a mathematician

and director of the Central Library of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, while his wife is one of the leading Jungian scholars in Eastern Europe.

Horowitz and his wife, Dr. Devra Marcus, an internist, offered their home to the Krastevs to allow Doitchin to study in the United States.

Doitchin Krastev lived with Horowitz and Marcus from 1992 to 1994, graduated from the prestigious Georgetown Day high school and earned a scholarship to Davidson College in Charlotte, N.C.

But as Krastev entered his second year at Davidson, his grades were poor, he seemed unhappy and ready to drop out, Horowitz said.

ACROSS THE NATION

Radioactive leak found, fixed at Vt. nuke plant

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP)—Another leak of radioactive material has been found and fixed at the troubled Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant. Plant spokesman Larry Smith said late Saturday that radioactive water and vapor leaked from a pipe in a pit that workers dug to find the source of an earlier leak. The latest leak involved 13 different radioactive isotopes. Smith said the leak was stopped. Plant and federal regulatory officials said it poses no threat to public health or safety. The 38-year-old plant in southeast Vermont previously leaked radioactive tritium. That leak was repaired. But in the cleanup work last week, Vermont Yankee officials announced they had found soil contaminated with strontium-90, a more potent radioactive isotope.

Calif. DA finds no crime around Palin contract

MODESTO, Calif. (AP)—A district attorney has cleared a California university of intentionally destroying documents about an upcoming speech by Sarah Palin. The Stanislaus County District Attorney also found no evidence of wrongdoing by students who obtained part of Palin's contract. The former vice presidential candidate is scheduled to give a paid speech June 25 at the California State University, Stanislaus. It is not known how much Palin will be compensated. Campus president Hamid Shirvani had suggested that the contract was stolen from a recycling bin inside the office of a vice president. Two students had claimed they found the documents in a campus dumpster. Investigators say the two students declined to assist in the probe.

Obama says ongoing leak of oil is 'enraging'

CHICAGO (AP)—President Barack Obama said Saturday that the failure of BP's latest effort to stop the damaging flow of oil into the Gulf of Mexico is "as enraging as it is heartbreaking." Obama commented after BP officials reached the disappointing conclusion that a dayslong effort to stop the flow of oil, known as a "top kill," by packing the well with mud had failed. It was the latest in a series of failed attempts by BP to cut off the flow of oil. BP will now try anew by cutting the pipe that lies deep underwater and fitting a containment valve over the leak, an effort expected to take four to seven days. The disappointing news came a day after Obama interrupted a long holiday weekend at his home in Chicago to visit the Louisiana coast on Friday and show its angry residents that he is in command of the situation.

Asia

Chinese premier: avoiding Korean conflict urgent



Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama, left, South Korean President Lee Myung-bak, center, and Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, right, pose with elementary school students of their countries as they arrive to bury a time capsule and to plant a tree in Seogwipo on Jeju island, South Korea, Sunday, May 30, 2010.

SEOOWIPO, South Korea (AP)—China's premier said Sunday that avoiding conflict between the Koreans over the sinking of a warship is most urgent, but did not express support for a bid by South Korea and Japan to condemn North Korea at the United Nations for allegedly carrying out the attack.

China has been facing intense pressure from Seoul, Tokyo and Washington to join efforts to punish North Korea over the sinking of the Cheonan, a South Korean naval ship that investigators say was ripped apart by a North Korean torpedo two months ago. Forty-six sailors died in the inci-

dent—the South's worst military loss since the Korean War.

Wrapping up a two-day summit with South Korea and Japan on the Korean resort island of Jeju, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao showed no clear public signs Sunday that Beijing was ready to rebuke North Korea.

"The urgent task for the moment is to properly handle the serious impact caused by the Cheonan incident, gradually defuse tensions over it, and avoid possible conflicts," Wen said.

"China will continue to work with every country through aggressive negotiations and cooperation to fulfill our

mission of maintaining peace and stability in the region," he said.

China, North Korea's main ally, wields veto power at the U.N. Security Council as a permanent member, so its support would be key to any bid to condemn or sanction the North there.

Last week, senior U.S. officials said after holding talks in Beijing that China is likely to gradually endorse the view that North Korea should be held accountable. They spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the discussions.

After Sunday's meeting, Japanese

China executes man who attacked 29 children

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese authorities on Sunday executed a man who attacked a kindergarten in eastern China last month, slashing 29 children and three teachers with a knife, a state news agency reported.

Xu Yuyuan was executed after being convicted in mid May of attempted homicide by the Taizhou Intermediate Court in the eastern province of Jiangsu, the official Xinhua News Agency said. No one died in the attack.

The April 29 attack was one of five major assaults against schoolchildren in the last two months that left 17 dead and more than 50 hurt.

The 47-year-old Xu, who was unem-

ployed, told the court during his May 15 trial that he had lost money in gambling and business and was venting his anger against society, Xinhua said.

Xu used an eight-inch (20-centimeter) knife in the attack on the Zhongxin Kindergarten in Taixing city. Four of the victims were severely injured.

Telephones at the court rang unanswered Sunday.

The string of attacks prompted Chinese authorities to tighten security at schools, with police and security guards posted at entrances and video surveillance and intruder alarms installed on some school premises. In the southwestern city of Chongqing, police were told they could

shoot to kill to stop assaults on students.

The attacks have focused attention on the consequences of ignoring mental illness in modern China, as huge economic inequalities stoke social tensions.

The man convicted in the first of the five school attacks, Zheng Minsheng, killed eight children with a knife in the southern province of Fujian on March 23.

Zheng was executed one day before Xu attacked the school in Taixing—and on the same day that another man, Chen Bingkan, broke into a primary school in the southern province of Guangdong and stabbed 18 students and a teacher. Chen, a 33-year-old teacher, had been on sick leave because of mental illness.

Police: Lahore attackers were Pakistani Taliban

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP)—Militants who attacked a minority sect, killing 93 people in the country's east, belonged to the Pakistani Taliban and were trained in a lawless border region where the U.S. wants Islamabad to mount an army operation, police said Saturday.

The revelation could help the U.S. persuade Pakistan that rooting out the various extremist groups in North Waziristan is in Islamabad's own interest. Up to now, Pakistan has resisted, in part because it says its army is stretched thin in operations elsewhere.

Suspicion that the man accused of a

failed bombing attempt in New York's Times Square earlier this month may have received aid from the Pakistani Taliban has added to U.S. urgency about clearing North Waziristan.

Local TV channels have reported the Pakistani Taliban, or an affiliate, had claimed responsibility for Friday's attacks in Pakistan's second-largest city.

Senior police officer Akram Naeem in Lahore said the interrogation of one of the arrested suspects revealed that the gunmen were involved with the Pakistani Taliban. The 17-year-old suspect told police the attackers

had trained in the North Waziristan tribal region. "Our initial investigation has found that they all belong to Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan," or Pakistani Taliban movement, Naeem said. He said the suspect, "Abdullah alias Mohammad, was given terrorism training in Miran Shah"—the main city in North Waziristan.

North Waziristan has long been filled with militants focused on battling U.S. and NATO forces across the border in Afghanistan. The Pakistani Taliban began arriving after army operations against them in other regions.

Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama said the three nations have "a common view that it (the ship sinking) is a serious matter for peace and stability in Northeast Asia."

South Korean President Lee Myung-

bak said the three countries agreed to continue discussing the ship sinking.

"I expect Japan and China, as very responsible members of the international community, to wisely cooperate in handling of this matter," Lee said.

India halts trains after 115 die, sabotage blamed

CALCUTTA, India (AP)—Railway authorities canceled all night trains in an eastern Indian state Saturday after a passenger express train derailed and was hit by a cargo train, killing at least 115 people and injuring hundreds. The government accused Maoist rebels of sabotaging the tracks.

Railway workers and paramilitary soldiers used cranes to lift and pry apart train cars to pull out more bodies from the Jnaneswari Express, which was heading from Calcutta to suburban Mumbai when it derailed early Friday.

"So far we have pulled out 115 bodies. The clearing work will continue until the light fades," said Srikumar Mukherjee, state minister for civil defense, who is overseeing rescue operations at the crash site near the small town of Sardiha, about 90 miles (150 kilometers) west of Calcutta in West Bengal state.

More than 140 people with injuries were in hospitals in towns near the accident site, officials said.

Railway officials said some bodies were still trapped between the engines of the two trains, which smashed together when the high speed passenger train derailed and was run over by an oncoming cargo train.

Rescue workers had not yet cut open a badly smashed train car where they expected to find still more bodies, said Surojit Kar Purkayastha, a senior police officer. The work of removing the debris and pulling out the bodies was hampered by swarms of flies and the stench of corpses quickly decomposing in the humid heat, officials said.

Railway authorities said they would not run any trains at night in West Bengal for at least the next four days, when Indian Maoist rebels have called a general strike.

The area is a stronghold of the rebels, known as Naxalites, who have launched repeated and often-audacious attacks in recent months—despite government claims of a crackdown.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Reports say 30 people killed in India bus accident

NEW DELHI (AP)—More than 30 people, including 10 children, were killed when a bus hit a police barricade, flipped over and was engulfed in flames in southern India early Sunday, news reports said. At least 28 others were injured, some seriously, when the vehicle's fuel tank caught fire after it overturned, trapping the passengers inside, the Press Trust of India news agency said. The bus was headed for Bangalore, the capital of Karnataka state, when the accident occurred near Chitradurga town, it said. The driver was among those killed, PTI said. Police often put up barricades across roads to conduct road checks. The barricades are sometimes not clearly visible on badly lit roads. Reckless driving, aging vehicles and overloading contribute to the high number of road accidents in India.

Bangladesh blocks Facebook over prophet drawings

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—Bangladesh says it has blocked the popular social networking website Facebook over a page that urges people to draw images of Islam's prophet Muhammad. Chief telecommunication regulator Zia Ahmed said Sunday that access to the site has been temporarily blocked because it was publishing caricatures that may hurt the religious sentiments of people in the Muslim-majority nation. Muslims regard depictions of the prophet, even favorable ones, as blasphemous. Thousands of Muslims pro-

tested in Dhaka last week against what they called the website's "blasphemous content" because of a page called "Everybody Draw Mohammed Day" that encouraged users to post images of the prophet. Pakistan earlier blocked Facebook over the same page.

US drone crew blamed for Afghan civilian deaths

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—U.S. military investigators found that "inaccurate and unprofessional" reporting by U.S. operators of a Predator drone was responsible for a missile strike that killed 23 Afghan civilians in February, according to a report released Saturday. Release of the scathing report is part of a U.S. effort to counter rising public anger over civilian deaths, which threatens to undermine the campaign against the Taliban at a critical juncture in the nearly nine-year war. Twelve other civilians including a woman and three children were wounded in the missile strike, the report said. Four American officers—two described as senior—received career-damaging reprimands, the U.S. command said in a statement. The top U.S. and NATO commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, called on the Air Force to investigate the actions of the Predator crew. "Our most important mission here is to protect the Afghan people," said McChrystal, who had apologized to President Hamid Karzai shortly after the attack. "Inadvertently killing or injuring civilians is heartbreaking and undermines their trust and confidence in our mission. We will do all we can to regain that trust."

World

Agatha leaves at least 12 dead in Guatemala

GUATEMALA CITY (AP)—Torrential rains brought by the first tropical storm of the 2010 season pounded Guatemala and southern Mexico, triggering deadly landslides. The death toll stood at 12 early Sunday but authorities said the number could rise.

Agatha made landfall near the border of Guatemala and Mexico on Saturday as a tropical storm with wind speeds of up to 45 mph (75 kph), then weakened into a tropical depression as it pushed inland.

But authorities warned that trouble was far from over as the remnants of Agatha continued to dump rain on vulnerable hillside and riverside settlements in Guatemala and southern Mexico.

"It has been downgraded to a tropical depression, but this means that the velocity of the wind has fallen, not the amount of rain," Guatemalan President Alvaro Colom said late Saturday, adding that the rivers in the country's south were flooding or close to it.

Colom said 10.8 centimeters (4.3 inches) of rain had fallen in Guatemala City's valley in the past 12 hours, the most since 1949.

As of Saturday night, 4,300 people were in shelters and authorities said the number could rise as figures come in from around the country.



A boy uses a plastic to cover himself from heavy rains caused by tropical storm Agatha in Patulul, Guatemala, Saturday, May 29, 2010.

AP

Earlier Saturday, Agatha's rains caused a landslide on a hillside settlement in Guatemala City that killed four people and left 11 missing, Guatemalan disaster relief spokesman David de

Leon said. Most of the city was without electricity at nightfall, complicating search efforts.

Four children were killed by another mudslide in the town of Santa

Catarina Pinula about six miles (10 kilometers) outside the Guatemalan capital. And in the department of Quetzaltenango, 125 miles (200 kilometers) west of Guatemala City, a

boulder loosened by rains crushed a house, killing two children and two adults, de Leon said.

Calls to local radio stations told of many more landslides and possible deaths but those reports could not be immediately confirmed.

A three-story building in northern Guatemala City fell into a sinkhole but there were no reports of victims.

Mexican President Felipe Calderon and Salvadoran President Mauricio Funes offered to receive international aid at airports near their shared borders with Guatemala.

Cesar George of Guatemala's meteorological institute said the community of Champerico had received 30 centimeters (11.8 inches) of rain in the past 30 hours.

"It rained in one day what it usually gets in a month," George said.

Colom said authorities have not been able to reach Champerico by "air, land or sea."

Agatha formed as a tropical storm early Saturday in the East Pacific and moved over land in the evening along the Guatemala-Mexico border, said the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami.

The center said Agatha had weakened into a tropical depression with winds of 35 mph (55 kph), but could still bring 10 to 20 inches of rain.

Jamaica cops release most of 980 detained in raid

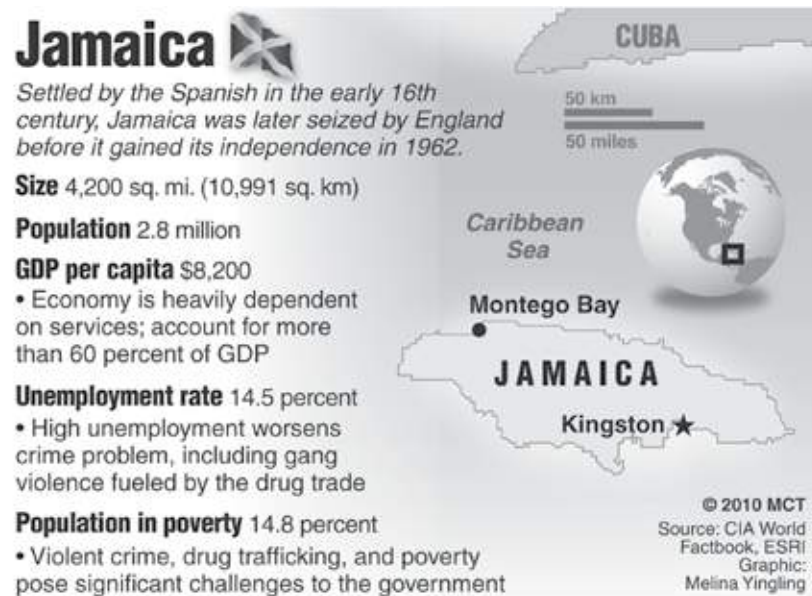
KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)—All but a handful of the roughly 980 Jamaicans detained during raids by security forces in gang-heavy Kingston slums have been released, police said Saturday.

Detainees had been held at the Kingston's National Arena, where dozens of concerned relatives had congregated outside a security gate in recent days, holding up pictures of their sons. On Saturday, the stadium was empty and police said 10 suspects were still being held elsewhere.

Hundreds of heavily armed troops, meanwhile, occupied the bullet-pocked Tivoli Gardens complex on Saturday following a bloody, four-day assault of the slum stronghold of reputed underworld boss Christopher "Dudus" Coke, who is wanted in the United States on drug and gun-trafficking charges.

Coke was nowhere to be found, but Jamaica's top cop insisted that security forces will capture him and that their "best intelligence" indicates he is hiding somewhere on this tropical island.

The raids to catch Coke left scores dead and police said Saturday that they had detained 980 people during



the civil unrest.

The released detainees appeared to be avoiding returning to the Tivoli Gardens housing project, where soldiers manned checkpoints and searched people entering the complex, including an elderly woman carting home vegetables and fruit from a nearby market.

Nearly all residents view the security forces as an occupying force and accuse them of firing indiscriminately. The police and army counter their targets are specific but would investigate any wrongdoing by individuals. The government has vowed independent investigations of all killings.

Vatican abuse prosecutor: Culprits going to hell

VATICAN CITY (AP)—The Vatican prosecutor of clerical sex abuse warned perpetrators on Saturday that they would suffer damnation in hell that would be worse than the death penalty.

The Rev. Charles Scicluna, a Maltese priest who is a top official at the Vatican's morality office, led a special "make amends" prayer service in St. Peter's Basilica.

Seminarians and other pontifical university students in Rome wanted to gather for prayers for the victims of clergy abuse and for the healing of the church's wounds from the scandal over its concealment of abuse.

Quoting from a long passage from Gregory the Great, an early pope and monk who made rules for the clergy, Scicluna said in the case of a pedophile priest "it would be really better that his evil deeds cause him death in his lifetime" under secular laws than suffer "more terrible damnation" in hell.

Scicluna has been leading the Vatican's drive to rid the church of pedophile priests. Many victims' groups say

the Vatican must admit responsibility for a decades-old culture of secrecy and systematic cover-ups.

The Vatican official likened children to a "holy icon," and decried what the world becomes when children are "abused, destroyed."

"Don't make children the object of your impure covetousness," Scicluna said to the priests.

Participants at the ceremony asked for prayers "for the victims of abuses perpetrated by men and women of the Church, so that they can heal their wounds and experience true peace," the Italian news agency ANSA reported.

Prayers were also offered for clerics and other religious who committed abuses so that "they can honestly face up to the consequences of their guilt and embrace the needs of justice," ANSA said.

Scicluna drew on a passage in St. Mark's Gospel saying those who harm children would be better off tying a millstone to their neck and throwing themselves into the sea.

WORLD BRIEFS

Aid flotilla to set sail for Gaza on Sunday

JERUSALEM (AP)—An organizer of the flotilla of ships carrying tons of supplies for the Gaza Strip says the vessels will set sail for the blockaded territory on Sunday. The sailing already has been delayed several times. If the ships set sail from waters off Cyprus on schedule, they'll reach the area on Monday. The Israeli military says the ships will be intercepted before they reach Gaza's coast and towed to an Israeli port. It says activists will be given the choice of being

deported or jailed. It says the cargo will be transferred to Gaza for distribution after a security check. The organizer, Dror Feiler, told Army Radio Sunday that the hundreds of pro-Palestinian activists aboard the ships will passively resist if Israeli seamen board the vessels.

Czech vote leaves unclear who will form next govt

PRAGUE (AP)—It was not clear Sunday who will form the Czech Republic's next government, after the left-

wing Social Democrats narrowly won the country's parliamentary election but center-right parties captured more votes overall. Results reported by the country's election agency indicated that the Social Democrats will not be able to govern alone and may not even be able to successfully put together a new coalition. The party's leader, former Prime Minister Jiri Paroubek, resigned after the poor showing. The Statistics Office said the Social Democrats won 22.1 percent of the vote Saturday, or 56 seats in Parliament's 200-seat lower

house. Their major rival, the conservative Civic Democratic Party, captured 20.2 percent, or 53 seats.

Under pressure, Malawi's leader pardons gay couple

BLANTYRE, Malawi (AP)—Malawi's president on Saturday pardoned a gay couple who had been sentenced to 14 years in prison and ordered their release but insisted that homosexuality was still illegal in his conservative southern African nation. President

Bingu wa Mutharika announced the pardon on "humanitarian grounds only" during a press conference with U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in Lilongwe, the capital. "These boys committed a crime against our culture, against our religion, and against our laws," Mutharika said. "However, as head of state, I hereby pardon them and therefore order their immediate release without any conditions." But he added, "We don't condone marriages of this nature. It's unheard of in Malawi and it's illegal."

Health & Fitness

Report: Trans fat limits lead to healthier foods

By ALICIA CHANG
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LOS ANGELES (AP)—Holy fish sticks! Scientists finally have some good news about fat in our foods.

Contrary to fears, most food manufacturers and restaurants did not just swap one bad ingredient for another when they trimmed artery-clogging trans fats from products and menus, an analysis finds.

Even the french fry, a longtime dietary scourge, got a healthier

remake. But there's still room for improvement, particularly for some items sold in supermarkets, which replaced heart-damaging trans fat with its unhealthy cousin, saturated fat.

A Harvard researcher and a consumer advocacy group examined 83 foods that had a makeover since 2006. That year the federal government began requiring food labels to list the amount of trans fat in packaged products and New York City became the first of several cities to phase them out in restaurants.

Trans fats are created when hydrogen is added to liquid oils to harden them for baking or to extend shelf life. With trans fat under attack, food makers and restaurants tinkered with various cooking oil and fat substitutes, trying not to compromise taste and texture. But how healthy are the reincarnations?

Harvard researcher Dr. Dariush Mozaffarian and the Center for Science in the Public Interest checked grocery products and restaurant chow for fat content. Items studied included margarine, junk food, baked goods and fast food from five popular chains.

The researchers did not do their own chemical testing, but instead used Food and Drug Administration databases, nutrition labels and industry brochures to determine trans fat and saturated fat levels.

Results were published in a letter in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Nearly all of the foods analyzed were free or mostly free of trans fat. And many companies and restaurants did not spike their saturated fat content when they cut trans fat—65 percent of supermarket products and 90 percent of restaurant fare contained saturated fat levels that were lower, unchanged or only slightly higher than before.

"Companies almost always can reformulate their food to have a healthier balance of fats," said CSPI executive director Michael Jacobson.

The researchers declined to provide details about the winners and sinners because they said they plan to publish the full results later. But they gave three examples:

■ Large order of McDonald's french fries: Trans fat dropped from 7 1/4 grams to zero; saturated fat went from 5 1/2 grams to 3 1/2 grams.

■ Gorton's Crunchy Golden Fish Sticks: 3 grams of trans fat per serving to zero; saturated fat unchanged at 4 grams. The package lists six sticks per serving.

■ An Entenmann's Rich Frosted Donut: 5 grams of trans fat to zero; saturated fat more than doubled from 5 grams to 13 grams.

Just because trans fat is gone from gluttonous foods doesn't

mean they're healthy, said Dr. David Heber, who heads the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition.

"Trans fat or not, a doughnut is still a doughnut. Even Homer Simpson will back me up on that," said Heber, who

had no connection with the research.

The American Heart Association recommends that people limit trans fats to less than 2 grams per day and less than 16 grams of saturated fat, based on a 2,000 calorie diet.

The report was funded by two foundations. CSPI, which made headlines as the "food police" targeting movie theater popcorn and fettuccine Alfredo, has pushed for government restrictions on trans fat.

This Tuesday May 25, 2010 photo shows a large size french fries at McDonald's in downtown Los Angeles. A Harvard researcher and a consumer group examined 83 foods that had a makeover since 2006 when the federal government required food labels to list the amount of trans fat in packaged products. They found even the french fry, a longtime dietary scourge, got a healthier remake.

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ON THE NET

New England Journal of Medicine:
<http://www.nejm.org>

Personal Trainer

Easy strength exercises

These muscle-strengthening workouts require little movement, no equipment and not much time:

Chest and arm

Standing in a doorway, push against the door frame and hold 10 seconds; repeat five times

Arm and side

With side against wall, press back of arm and hand against wall and hold 10 seconds; repeat five times, then switch sides

Wall push-ups

Stand a little more than an arm's length from wall, lean in with hands held straight ahead of shoulders, then push away; repeat 15 times

Keep body straight, abdomen contracted, heels on ground

Calves

Put balls of feet on step or curb; rise up on toes, then dip heels as low as possible; repeat 10 to 20 times

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Blood pressure goal met but too many still have it

By LINDSEY TANNER
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CHICAGO (AP)—Half of the 70 million Americans with high blood pressure are keeping it under control by taking medication, meeting a government goal set a decade ago and reducing their risk of life-threatening health problems, a study suggests.

Almost one in three adults has high blood pressure. In 1988, only about 27 percent of them kept it under control. By 2007-08, that number had climbed to 50 percent, according to the study in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

The findings "should be cause for celebration," although more work needs to be done, said Dr. Aram Chobanian of Boston University, who was not involved in the study.

Millions of Americans still have uncontrolled

high blood pressure, which can raise a person's risk of heart attack, stroke and kidney failure. And the prevalence of the disease is increasing.

Many people require more than one drug to reduce blood pressure. For some, cost and lack of access to physicians is also an issue.

The new analysis compared several government health surveys since 1988. About 10 years ago, the government set goals for preventing high blood pressure and reducing the number of people who have it but are unable to control it.

The first goal—to reduce the number of people with high blood pressure—fell short, according to a preliminary report released in December. High blood pressure prevalence increased to about 29 percent in 2007-08. The new analysis shows the second goal, controlling the condition,

was achieved.

"We're doing a better job of treating, but we're not improving it in the first place," said lead author Dr. Brent Egan of the Medical University of South Carolina.

Egan has worked as a paid consultant and speakers bureau member for companies that make high blood pressure medicine. He said that work is unrelated to his research for the study, which was paid for with federal and state grants.

The study authors analyzed periodic national health surveys involving almost 43,000 people. Participants were asked if they had been diagnosed with high blood pressure and if they were taking medication to lower it. Blood pressure was measured during physical exams. Readings less than 140 over 90, the usual cutoff for high

blood pressure, were considered controlled.

Participants who reached that goal used medication, Egan said.

In a JAMA editorial, Chobanian said a wider variety of medicines to treat high blood pressure without major side effects, including cheaper generic options, contributed to the success.

Lifestyle changes such as losing weight and getting exercise also can reduce blood pressure. But the study results suggest not a lot of people are making those changes.

Researchers found that among Americans with high blood pressure, more than 46 percent are obese and nearly 20 percent have diabetes—rates that are higher than in the general population and have increased substantially since 1988.

Chobanian said more aggressive efforts are needed on prevention, including improving American diet and exercise habits.

ON THE NET

JAMA: <http://jama.ama-assn.org>

Life & Style

Of care and dying on Memorial Day

By JAIME VERGARA
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

The Teaching Vietnam Teachers Network consist of those who were proactively supportive of and those who protestingly defied the nation's involvement in the Vietnam War. They are covenanted to promote the somber grief and transforming presence of the Memorial Wall on Vietnam at the Nation's capital; the distinction between the warniks and the peaceniks have since been replaced by the spirit of "honor the dead by taking care of the living", the VFW motto. A modular replica of the Wall has traveled to various parts of the nation in a program called The Wall that Heals.

In this Memorial Day, tradi-

tionally a day of remembrance of those who died in military service, honored year round at the American Memorial Park in Saipan, along with the memorial listing of the Chamorro and Carolinian casualties of the last World War in the premises, we offer the following prayer for the human journey itself, understanding that the depth of death is but a flipside of the fullness of life.

IN MEMORIAM

*Out of the night ecstasy of chaos,
out of the Spirit of Light
emerges Life,
birthed into beloved being,*

*spirit into matter,
matter into stardust,
stardust into mind and body and
watery womb.
And out of this burning sea fire
Journeys a Soul into a new world,
Greeted with tears and laughter—
a journey into the unknown:
adventure born of passion,
bonding born of compassion,
courage born of struggle,
celebration born of service,
hope born of trust,
joy buoyed by peace
and love unconditional re-
birthed
over and over;
again and again
as waves—*



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Picture shows the family of one of the CNMI's fallen soldiers buried at the CNMI Veterans Cemetery in Marpi putting flowers on their loved one's grave after a Memorial Day ceremony last year.

*dancing in sunbeams,
singing with wind,
embracing rocks,
kissing shorelines,
pulsing in rhythm,
tides in, tides out,
moons waxing, moons waning,
Soul's journey—creating,
maintaining, sustaining, re-
maining—*

*Refraining complaining,
Retaining transparency,
Revealing the deepest MYSTERY
of Life's BEING:
covenanting, connecting, com-
muning, caring unceasing.
And beyond Soul's quieted heart-
beat and subdued breath,
beyond body's confines and free-
ing death,
the Journey continues.
Once again, at-one with life's
birthing fire waters,
Its splashes mingling with
Sorrowing tears and
Thanking laughter,
midwifing
matter into spirit
new life into the
The Great unknown, Unknown
Belovedness into the Womb of
Eternity.
Thanks BE for the gift of Life.
Thanks BE for the unique and
unrepeatable gift of Soul's life
and Journey;
For all that the Beloved and
the inseparable bond of love
with Soul
Has been, is, and ever will be.
Thanks BE for the gift of family
and friends—for all loved ones
present on these*

*launching shores and those
whom they represent,
for devotion overflowing, com-
mitment unrelenting,
courage unfearing,
and love enduring.
Thanks BE for BENEFICENT
PRESENCE now and forever
with loved ones yet onearth's
pilgrimage—
insilence and stillness,
in mourning and comfort,
in music and sweetness,
in intimacy and kinship with all
creation,
in brokenness and healing,
in tenderness and strength,
in memory and hope abound-
ing,
in grace and peace unending.
So BE it.*

The foregoing was penned by Ellie Stock, a Presbyterian Minister in Upstate New York, who continues to wrestle with whatit means to be a mature spirited Christian within a fellowship that is riddled with the trappings of de-lusionary ease in bland superstition, and the momentary comfort of illusory certitude in calcified dogma. Ellie is one of many who journey together in a lifelong care of the earth, service to humanity, and the transforming power of being Spirit. We use her literary imageries knowing that in shar-ing the experience of life's jour-ney, we may find similar images as part of our experience as well.

Diana's daring black dress goes on the block



In this Friday, May 28, 2010 photo, the black taffeta evening gown worn by Princess Diana on her first official appearance after her engagement to Prince Charles, designed by Elizabeth Emanuel is displayed, at an auction house in London.

LONDON (AP)—It was black and strapless, with a sassy sequined flounce at the bodice and a gloriously full, swishy skirt.

The dress was, Lady Diana Spencer thought, so grown-up, just right for her first official engagement after the announcement she was to marry Prince Charles.

But when photographs emerged of the then 19-year-old Diana emerging from a limousine at a March, 1981 charity event—all creamy shoulders and ample décolletage—there was a minor scandal over the revealing cut. According to Elizabeth Emanuel, who designed the ball gown with her husband David, they didn't realize the furor the dress would cause.

"She just looked fantastic. At that time, she was curvy. Not fat in any way, but she had cleavage—we love cleavage. And she looked great in this dress," Emanuel said in an interview Friday. "We in no way expected there to be such a reaction. And I think from that moment on, Diana became a fashion icon."

The dress had been missing for years until David Emanuel recently discovered it in a plastic bag at his home. Along with other garments worn by Diana and designed by the Emanuels, it is to be auctioned off June 8 in a sale that includes the silk chiffon blouse chosen for the Princess of Wales' official engagement portrait by Lord Snowdon, and the calico prototype used to fit her famous ivory wedding gown.

Prince Charles reportedly didn't like the ballgown she wore to the charity event, because he thought black was for people in mourning. Diana thought it was tres chic, and anyway, she had nothing else to wear.

"She was unsophisticated at that point, and when I look at the wedding dress and the black ballgown I can see a young girl's dream of the ultimate party dress or romantic dress," said auctioneer Kerry Taylor, whose eponymous firm is handling the sale. "So there's an innocence about these early pieces. 'Later on she became very svelte, very sophis-

ticated, very elegant,'" Taylor said. "But here we see just a very beautiful, innocent young girl, and the clothes reflect that."

For the editors of Britain's voracious press, the dress—and the snaps of Diana in it—would kick off a long love affair with the princess.

"Up until that point, they'd seen her as a floppy-haired puppy," said Christopher Wilson, a seasoned observer who has written extensively on the royals. "And that's the moment Fleet Street fell in love with her."

"It all stretches back to that one picture."

Taylor and Elizabeth Emanuel are hopeful the collection will go to a museum—the black dress is expected to fetch between 30,000 and 50,000 pounds (\$44,000 to \$73,000) and the prototype of the wedding dress between 8,000 and 12,000 pounds (\$12,000 to \$17,000)—but understand that Diana's legacy means there's a strong chance a private collector may snap up the garments.

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Daily Mass of Intentions is being celebrated each morning at 6:00am and nightly rosary is being prayed at 7:00pm at San Jose Church, Saipan.

On Thursday, June 03, 2010, her remains will be taken from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel to Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 7:30am. Responso Service will be at 8:00am followed by the Holy Rosary at 8:30am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am followed by Interment Service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Please joins us in prayers.

Franklin A. Torres
Jesus Iglesias and Rosalia Duenas Sablan
and Family

Dennis Hopper, Hollywood icon and antihero, dies

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Dennis Hopper, the high-flying Hollywood wild man whose memorable and erratic career included an early turn in “Rebel Without a Cause,” an improbable smash with “Easy Rider” and a classic character role in “Blue Velvet,” has died. He was 74.

Hopper died Saturday at his home in the Los Angeles beach community of Venice, surrounded by family and friends, family friend Alex Hitz said. Hopper’s manager announced in October 2009 that the actor-director had been diagnosed with prostate cancer.

The success of “Easy Rider” and the spectacular failure of his next film, “The Last Movie,” fit the pattern for the talented but sometimes uncontrollable Hopper, who also had parts in such favorites as “Apocalypse Now” and “Hoosiers.” He was a two-time Academy Award nominee, and in March 2010, was honored with a star on Hollywood’s Walk of Fame.

Tributes were posted Saturday on celebrities’ websites and Twitter feeds.

Actress Marlee Matlin called Hopper a “maverick, a wonderful actor. You always got something unexpected from him.”

“So long Dennis,” tweeted actress Virginia Madsen, who starred in “The Hot Spot,” one of the films Hopper directed. “U taught me so much.”

After a promising start that included roles in two James Dean films, Hopper’s acting career had languished as he developed a reputation for throwing tantrums and abusing alcohol and drugs. On the set of “True Grit,” Hopper so angered John Wayne that the star reportedly chased Hopper with a loaded gun.

“Much of Hollywood,” wrote critic-historian David Thomson, “found Hopper a pain in the neck.”

He married five times and led a dramatic life right to the end. In January 2010, Hopper filed to end his 14-year marriage to Victoria Hopper, who stated in court filings that the actor was seeking to cut her out of her inheritance, a claim Hopper denied.

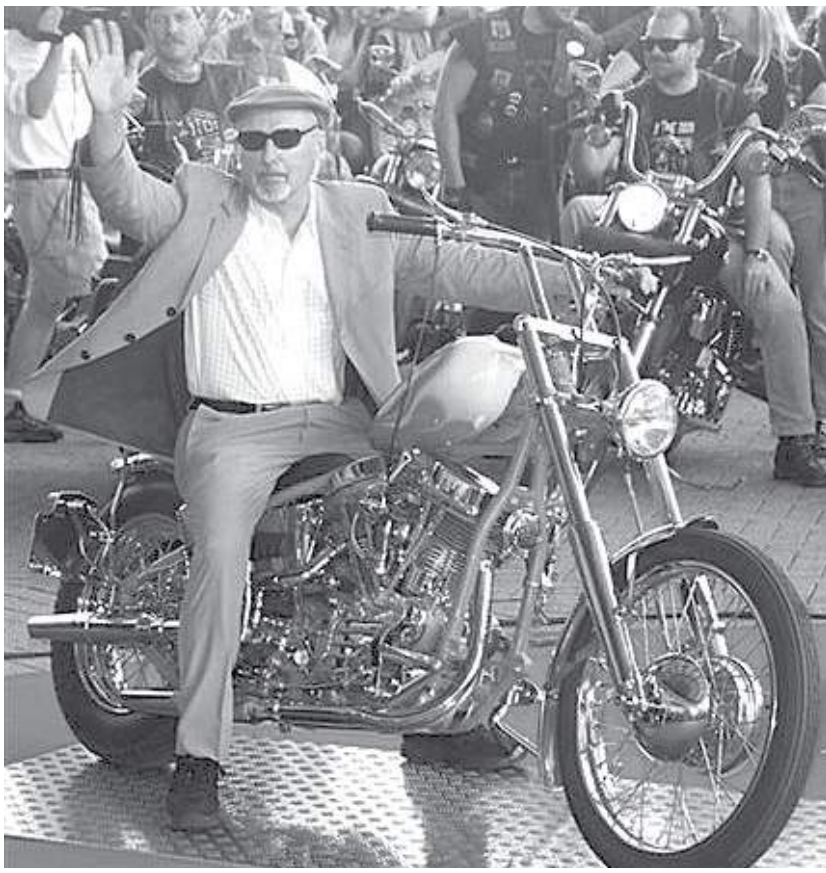
All was forgiven, at least for a moment, when he collaborated with another struggling actor, Peter Fonda, on a script about two pot-smoking, drug-dealing hippies on a motorcycle trip through the Southwest and South to take in the New Orleans Mardi Gras.

On the way, Hopper and Fonda befriended a drunken young lawyer (Jack Nicholson, whom Hopper had resisted casting, in a breakout role) but arouse the enmity of Southern rednecks and are murdered before they can return home.

“‘Easy Rider’ was never a motorcycle movie to me,” Hopper said in 2009. “A lot of it was about politically what was going on in the country.”

Fonda produced “Easy Rider” and Hopper directed it for a meager \$380,000. It went on to gross \$40 million worldwide, a substantial sum for its time. The film caught on despite tension between Hopper and Fonda, and between Hopper and the original choice for Nicholson’s part, Rip Torn, who quit after a bitter argument with the director.

The film was a hit at Cannes, netted a best-screenplay Oscar nomination for Hopper, Fonda and Terry Southern, and has since been listed on the American Film Institute’s ranking of



In a Thursday, June 22, 2000 photo, U.S. American movie star Dennis Hopper poses on a Harley Davidson motorbike at the ground of the world exposition Expo 2000 in Hanover, Germany.

the top 100 American films. The establishment gave official blessing in 1998 when “Easy Rider” was included in the United States National Film Registry for being “culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant.”

Its success prompted studio heads to schedule a new kind of movie: low cost, with inventive photography and themes about a young, restive baby boom generation. With Hopper hailed as a brilliant filmmaker, Universal Pictures lavished \$850,000 on his next project, “The Last Movie.”

The title was prescient. Hopper took a large cast and crew to a village in Peru to film the tale of a Peruvian tribe corrupted by a movie company. Trouble on the set developed almost immediately, as Peruvian authorities pestered the company, drug-induced orgies were reported and Hopper

seemed out of control.

When he finally completed filming, he retired to his home in Taos, N.M., to piece together the film, a process that took almost a year, in part because he was using psychedelic drugs for editing inspiration.

When it was released, “The Last Movie” was such a crashing failure that it made Hopper unwanted in Hollywood for a decade. At the same time, his drug and alcohol use was increasing to the point where he was said to be consuming as much as a gallon of rum a day.

Shunned by the Hollywood studios, he found work in European films that were rarely seen in the United States. But, again, he made a remarkable comeback, starting with a memorable performance as a drugged-out journalist in Francis Ford Coppola’s 1979

Vietnam War epic, “Apocalypse Now,” a spectacularly long and troubled film to shoot. Hopper was drugged-out off camera, too, and his rambling chatter was worked into the final cut.

He went on to appear in several films in the early 1980s, including the well regarded “Rumblefish” and “The Osterman Weekend,” as well as the campy “My Science Project” and “The Texas Chainsaw Massacre 2.”

But alcohol and drugs continued to interfere with his work. Treatment at a detox clinic helped him stop drinking, but he still used cocaine, and at one point he became so hallucinatory that he was committed to the psychiatric ward of a Los Angeles hospital.

Upon his release, Hopper joined Alcoholics Anonymous, quit drugs and launched yet another comeback. It began in 1986 when he played an alcoholic ex-basketball star in “Hoosiers,” which brought him an Oscar nomination for best supporting actor. His role as a wild druggie in “Blue Velvet,” also in 1986, won him more acclaim, and years later the character wound up No. 36 on the AFI’s list of top 50 movie villains.

He returned to directing, with “Colors,” “The Hot Spot” and “Chasers.”

From that point on, Hopper maintained a frantic work pace, appearing in many forgettable movies and a few memorable ones, including 1993’s “True Romance,” where he played a well-meaning ex-cop trying to protect his son from a gangster played by Christopher Walken.

“No better scene in the movies than his showdown with Walken in ‘True Romance,’” actress Elizabeth Banks tweeted Saturday. “A cinematic Ali v. Frazier.”

Hopper made it to the top of the box office in the 1994 hit “Speed,” in which he played the maniacal plotter of a freeway disaster. In the 2000s, he was featured in the television series “Crash” and such films as “Elegy” and “Hell Ride.”

Jocko Sims, who starred opposite Hopper in “Crash,” called him a “legend.”

“What he did for me was to give me the confidence to feel like I was doing it right,” said Sims, 29. “He wouldn’t hold back with his positive re-enforcement. And what else would you need as an actor but to be validated by Dennis Hopper!”

Another “Crash” co-star, Eric Roberts, said Hopper was “everything you wouldn’t expect him to be, based on what he played.”

Career highlights

As a film actor:

- “Rebel Without a Cause,” 1955.
- “Giant,” 1956.
- “Gunfight at the O.K. Corral,” 1957.
- “Sayonara,” 1957.
- “Cool Hand Luke,” 1967.
- “Hang ‘Em High,” 1968.
- “Easy Rider,” 1969.
- “True Grit,” 1969.
- “The American Friend,” 1977.
- “Apocalypse Now,” 1979.
- “Rumble Fish,” 1983.
- “The Osterman Weekend,” 1983.
- “The Texas Chainsaw Massacre 2,” 1986.
- “River’s Edge,” 1986.
- “Blue Velvet,” 1986.
- “Hoosiers,” 1986.
- “True Romance,” 1993.
- “Red Rock West,” 1994.
- “Speed,” 1994.
- “Waterworld,” 1995.
- “Swing Vote,” 2008.

As a television actor:

- “The Rifleman,” 1958-1959.
- “The Twilight Zone,” 1963.
- “Bonanza,” 1964.
- “Gunsmoke,” 1965.
- “The Big Valley,” 1967.
- “24,” 2002.
- “Crash,” 2008-2009.

And as a movie director:

- “Easy Rider,” 1969.
- “The Last Movie,” 1971.
- “Out of the Blue,” 1982.
- “Colors,” 1988.
- “Chasers,” 1994.

‘Diff’rent Strokes’ star Gary Coleman dies

PROVO, Utah (AP)—Gary Coleman once said he wanted people to think of him as something more than the chubby-cheeked child star from television show “Diff’rent Strokes,” that he wanted to escape the legacy of character Arnold Jackson, whose “Whatchu talkin’ ‘bout?” became a catch phrase of the 1970s and ‘80s.

He spent his later years still keeping a hand in show business, but also moving away from it, marrying and settling in Utah, far away from Hollywood’s sometimes all-too-bright lights. Still, he was dogged by ongoing health problems and struggled with legal woes.

After suffering a brain hemorrhage, Coleman was taken off life support Friday and died, his family and friends at his side, said Utah Valley Regional Medical Center spokeswoman Janet Frank. He was 42.

“He has left a lasting legacy,” tweeted singer Janet Jackson, who appeared on several episodes of “Diff’rent Strokes.” “I know he is finally at peace.”

Coleman chafed at his permanent association with “Diff’rent Strokes” but

also tried to capitalize on it through reality shows and other TV appearances.

His former manager, Vic Perillo, called the diminutive star “everybody’s kid” and expressed regret for all the trouble that marked the end of Coleman’s life.

“It’s unfortunate that this young man should go down in history as someone that will be seen as bitter,” said Perillo, who helped launch Coleman’s career from Chicago in about 1977 and worked with him for 15 years. “If everybody knew what a joy he was and the joy he brought me ... that’s kind of lost in all of this.”

Coleman suffered the brain hemorrhage Wednesday at his Santaquin home, 55 miles south of Salt Lake City. Frank said he was hospitalized because of an accident at the home, but she had no details.

In a statement read by brother-in-law Shawn Price, Coleman’s family said information would be released shortly about his death. It said he was conscious and lucid until midday Thursday, when his condition worsened and he slipped



In this Feb. 26, 2008 file photo, actor Gary Coleman appears on the the NBC “Today” program in New York.

into unconsciousness. Coleman was then placed on life support.

“Thousands of e-mails have poured into the hospital. This is so comforting to the family to know how beloved he still is,” Price said.

“Diff’rent Strokes” debuted on NBC in 1978 and drew most of its laughs from Coleman, then a tiny 10-year-old with sparkling eyes and perfect comic timing.

He played the younger of two African-American brothers adopted by a wealthy white man. Race and class relations became topics on the show as much as the typical trials of growing up.

“Diff’rent Strokes” lasted six seasons on NBC and two on ABC; it lives on thanks to DVDs and YouTube. But its equally enduring legacy became the troubles in adulthood of its former child stars.

In 1989, Todd Bridges, who played Coleman’s older brother, Willis, was acquitted of attempted murder in the shooting of a drug dealer. The then 24-year-old Bridges testified he became depressed and turned to drugs after “Diff’rent Strokes” was canceled.

Rihanna says enjoying Israel before show

TEL AVIV (AP)—R&B singing sensation Rihanna takes the stage in front of an Israeli audience for the first time Sunday night as part of her latest world tour.

It's the first time in the Holy Land for the 22-year-old Barbados native. The concert is part of her Last Girl on Earth tour, which began three weeks ago in Europe.

Rihanna spent the two days prior to her show touring Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, holding press conferences, and meeting some of her fans. She said her time in Israel was an "amazing, amazing experience."

Metallica performed in Israel this month. Other artists including the Pixies and Elton John have shows scheduled in Israel this year.

Singer Rihanna gestures as she speaks during a press conference in Tel Aviv, Saturday, May 29, 2010.

AP



50 Cent calls weight loss for new film 'tough'

NEW YORK (AP)—Losing 50-plus pounds was a complicated process for 50 Cent—but not an entirely new one.

The rapper, who plays a football player with cancer in the upcoming film "Things Fall Apart," dropped from 214 pounds to 160 in nine weeks after liquid dieting and running on a treadmill three hours a day.

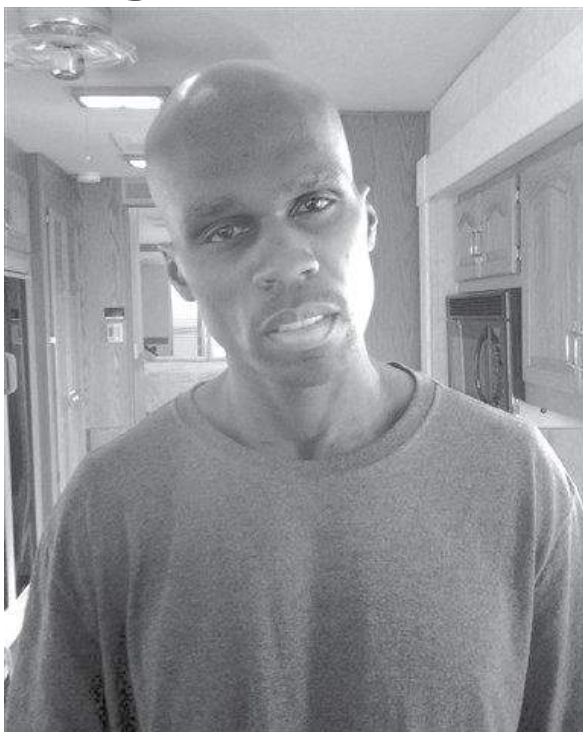
But the 33-year-old said that when he was shot in the jaw in 2000, he could drink only liquids and his weight dropped to 157.

"This time it was a lot tougher for me," the 6-foot-tall rapper said in an interview Friday with the Associated Press.

"I had to discipline myself not ... to actually have myself be in the physical state to convey the energy I felt. It's a passion project for me," said 50 Cent, whose real name is Curtis Jackson.

The film is about a childhood friend of the rapper who died of cancer, and is in production.

Actors including Robert De Niro, Christian Bale, Tom Hanks and Re-



In this undated image released by www.ThisIs50.com on Friday, May 28, 2010, Curtis Jackson, known as 50 Cent, is shown.

nee Zellweger are known for adjusting their weight in movies, and 50 said he did research when keeping the weight off got hard.

"I actually got on the computer," he said. "When it started getting difficult, I was looking to see what their experience was like and I got a chance to see all of the interviews they had at different time periods when they were doing promotion for the projects."

50 has been gaining the lost weight back, though, and said he currently weighs 198 pounds.

He said he doesn't anticipate winning awards for his acting role.

"Well, you know, I haven't received accolades that comes with the success that I've had in music," he said. "It would be a surprise" to win any acting awards, he said, noting that it's already a reward to have people aware of the role.

He released his fourth album, the gold-selling "Before I Self Destruct," in November. He kicks off his North American tour Saturday in Detroit.

Bandleader Kevin Eubanks ends 18 years with Leno

NEW YORK (AP)—It's a wrap for "Tonight Show" bandleader Kevin Eubanks after 18 years backing up host Jay Leno.

"I don't think we've ever had an argument," Leno said, bidding Eubanks farewell on Friday's show. "We've had a lot of fun."

Eubanks, whose duties included comic sidekick to Leno as well as guitarist, had been aboard since Leno took over NBC's "Tonight" in 1992. Eubanks became musical director when Branford Marsalis left in 1995.

The 52-year-old Eubanks joined Leno last fall for the short-lived "The Jay Leno Show" in prime time, then came back to "Tonight" when Leno reclaimed the show from Conan O'Brien in March. O'Brien left NBC rather than move "Tonight" to a later slot to make room for Leno in late night.

In April, Eubanks announced his plans to depart, but he insisted the recent turmoil had

played no part in his decision. He said he was seeking a career change of pace.

Exiting with Eubanks will be the other five members of the Tonight Show Band. They include vocalist and percussionist Vicki Randle, keyboardist Gerry Etkins, bass guitarist Derrick "Dock" Murdock, saxophonist Ralph Moore and drummer Marvin "Smitty" Smith.

"We have gone through all this together," said Eubanks, introducing and thanking them.

During the hourlong show, a clip reel highlighted comic moments Leno and Eubanks have shared through the years, then Eubanks was featured performing an original song.

He will be replaced by former "American Idol" music director Rickey Minor, who arrives with his own troupe June 7.

"The Tonight Show" will air reruns next week.

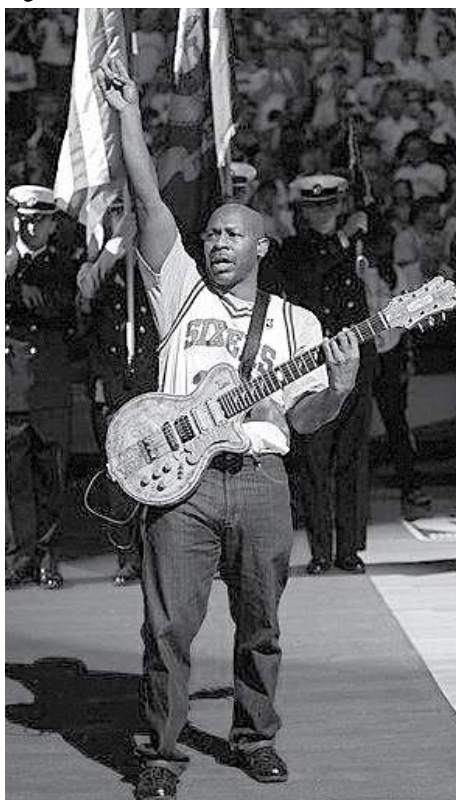
Man sues Beyonce; claims video shoot trespassing

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A man living across from a video shoot for Beyonce Knowles in the Hollywood Hills is suing the singer for nuisance and trespassing, claiming his privacy was invaded by unnecessary noise and crowds.

Court documents show Philip Markowitz filed the lawsuit seeking \$25,000 on Friday in Los Angeles against Knowles, a liability

company and Dina Ciccotello, a production coordinator for the video shoot for "Why Don't You Love Me."

Markowitz claims his expectations of privacy in his upscale neighborhood were "shattered" on March 26 when the crew came in the morning and didn't leave until 11 p.m., and that his driveway was repeatedly blocked.



In this April 26, 2009 file photo, Kevin Eubanks performs the national anthem before the start of Game 4 of an NBA basketball first-round playoff series between the Orlando Magic and the Philadelphia 76ers in Philadelphia.

Moment of remembrance honors our country's fallen defenders

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: As a nation, we Americans are at our best when we come together bonded by a noble purpose. It is my privilege to invite our citizens to unite for the National Moment of Remembrance at 3 p.m. (local time) tomorrow on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31. Our hope is that your readers will pause at that moment whether at a ballgame or barbecue, in the swimming pool or at the shopping mall, in respectful silence to honor America's fallen.

To unite the country in remembrance, Congress officially established the National Moment of Remembrance in 2000. And as has been done in the past, in observance of this National Moment, Major League Baseball games will stop, Amtrak trains will blow their whistles and the National Grocers Association and Food Marketing Institute will have customers and staff pause in more than 30,000 stores throughout our country.

Abby, your patriotism and compassion, united with that of your millions of readers, have helped us—and continue to help us—unite our country in remembrance of our fallen on Memorial Day.

We must ensure that their lives, their deaths and the memory of their sacrifice will never be forgotten. So let us stop for a moment at 3:00 (local time) tomorrow and commit to live honoring America's fallen every day that we breathe the fresh air of freedom in our land of hope and promise.

CARMELLA LA SPADA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
WHITE HOUSE COMMISSION ON REMEMBRANCE

DEAR CARMELLA: Thank you for your beautiful letter. I accept your kind invitation on behalf of myself and Dear Abby readers everywhere. This act of unity on Memorial Day will be a time of respect, reflection and commitment in memory of the almost 2 million men and women who have died in the service of our nation. Their sacrifices for us live on in each constitutional right we practice, and in our hearts always.

DEAR ABBY: I am 14 and will attend a private high school in the fall. Both of my sisters were star athletes at the same school. I am gifted in both academics and athletics, and I'll be taking two honors classes.

My dad recently pointed out that I am required to play a sport. I believe if I do, I will be too stressed out and my grades will slip. He wants me to be this "super child" that I am not and go to Harvard. Everyone who knows me overestimates me. How should I approach him to tell him how I really feel?

PUSHED TO MY LIMITS IN ALBUQUERQUE

DEAR PUSHED: If you're unsure about your ability to carry the load, approach your father as you have approached me. However, before you do, I wish you would take into consideration that participating in a sport can be an effective way of releasing stress—including academic pressure. If sports are a requirement at your school, there is a good reason for it. So please, at least give it a try. If it's too much for you, talk to your parents, as well as your counselor at school.

P.S. As to "everyone who knows you overestimating you," has it occurred to you that you may be UNDER-estimating yourself?

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THAT'S IT?

WELL, ZIGGY TOO. OF COURSE, BUT HE'S INCLUDED WHEN I SAID "NEWSPAPER."

The Duplex

AREN'T YOU GOING INTO WORK TODAY?

NO. WHY WOULD I?

IT'S MONDAY.

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

MY PHONE PLAN SAYS I HAVE UNLIMITED WEEKEND MINUTES!!

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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VIAGRA CANAPE
UNLESS UNISON
MELEES SACKS

Saturday's answer 5-31

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Colin Farrell, 34; Brooke Shields, 45; Sharon Gless, 67; Clint Eastwood, 80

Happy Birthday: This is a great year to save toward something you really want to pursue. Focus on learning and applying it to better your life position. Change is necessary and with it will come greater satisfaction, knowing that you have paved the way to a brighter future. Trust in yourself and the rest will be history. Your numbers are 6, 9, 13, 30, 37, 33, 42

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Watch your back if you want to avoid getting blamed for something you didn't do or that you have no control over. Stop fretting about the impossible. Take care of your own needs first or you will be burdened by someone looking for an easy way out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Delve into activities that interest you and you will be inspired by the people you meet and the prospects offered. Your accomplishments will make a difference to a project you want to pursue. Love is highlighted.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Concentrate on money matters. The more you learn about investments or financial opportunities, the easier it will be to improve your current lifestyle. Bring about the necessary changes at home and you will feel better about your future.

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OSCAR MARATTA OGO, Plaintiff,
vs
SEVERINA ATALIG OGO, Respondent.
FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-0150
ORDER TO APPEAR OF PLEAD (7 CMC § 1301)

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: SEVERINA ATALIG OGO

PURSUANT TO 7 CMC § 1301, YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to make your appearance or file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint filed with the Commonwealth Superior Court, within 30 days from the service date. You are instructed to make your appearance before the Clerk of Courts of mail a copy of your answer to the Complaint to the TORRES BROTHERS, LLC., whose address is P.O. box 501856, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing. You may obtain a copy of the Complaint by contacting Petitioner's counsel of record.

If you choose to file an answer, your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of Court of Guma Hustisia, Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of the Court by messenger or mail.

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SO OREDERED this 1st of April, 2010.

/s/ KENNETH L. GOVENDO
Associate Judge

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YAHONG BAI INDALECIO, Plaintiff,
vs
ZHANG KUN NIANA and QIANDE LI, Defendants.
Civil Action No. 09-0347
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ZHANG KUN NIANA and QIANDE LI

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Lakers beat Suns to set up rematch with Celtics



PHOENIX (AP)—Get ready, Boston, for a rematch with Kobe Bryant and his Los Angeles Lakers.

Bryant wrapped up a magnificent series with 37 points, Ron Artest added 25 and the Lakers held off the Phoenix Suns 111-103 on Saturday night to win the Western Conference finals.

The Lakers and Celtics, the NBA's premier teams for much of the league's history, will meet in the finals for the 12th time with Game 1 Thursday night in Los Angeles. They are the NBA champions each of the last two years—Boston beat the Lakers two years ago, and Los Angeles topped Orlando last season.

"We'll see how much we matured," Bryant said. "They challenged us extremely well in the finals a couple years ago. Now is a chance to see how much we've grown."

Bryant scored nine points in the final 2 minutes, including what looked like an impossible 23-footer with Grant Hill in his face and 34 seconds to play. The basket put Los Angeles up 107-100 and the scrappy Suns were finished.

The Lakers will be in search of their 16th NBA championship in their 31st finals appearance.

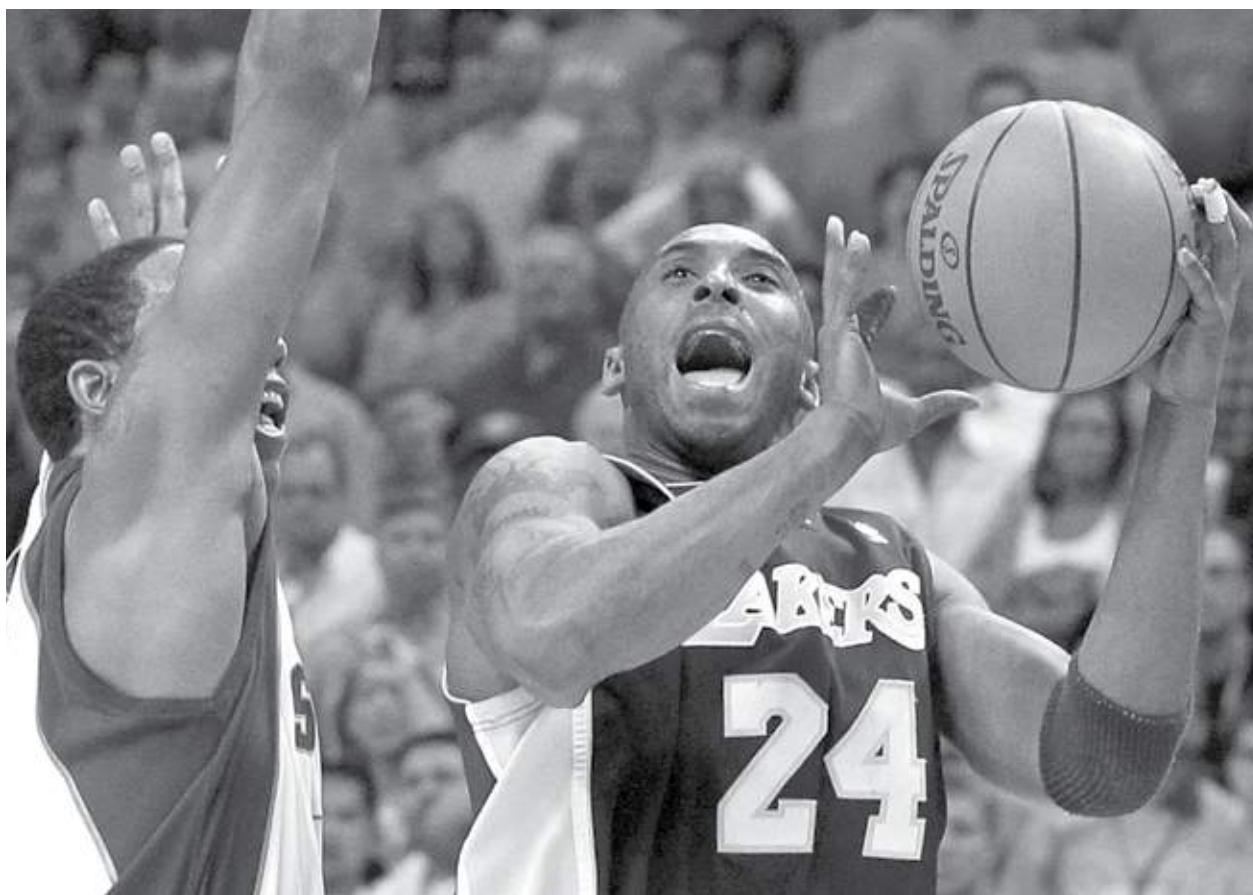
Amare Stoudemire, in what may have been his last game with the Suns, scored 27 points but struggled to a 7-of-20 shooting night. He can opt out of the final year of his contract and has said chances are "50-50" that he will play elsewhere next season.

Steve Nash added 21 points and nine assists in his 118th playoff game, the most for anyone who has never reached the finals.

Bryant, with his 10th 30-point performance in his last 11 postseason games, moved ahead of Jerry West and into a tie with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar for second-most 30-point playoff games at 75. He has a ways to go for the record of 109 held by Michael Jordan.

Bryant also extended his NBA record to eight straight 30-point closeout games on the road.

"I always thought he was the best



Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant shoots as Phoenix Suns center Channing Frye defends during the first half of Game 6 of the NBA basketball Western Conference finals Saturday, May 29, 2010, in Phoenix.

player in basketball," Phoenix coach Alvin Gentry said.

Channing Frye had 12 points and 13 rebounds for the Suns, who have reached the finals only twice in their history and never have won a championship. Goran Dragic scored 10 of his 12 points in a fourth-quarter rally that got Phoenix within three points.

The Lakers led by as many as 18 late in the second quarter and were up by 17 entering the fourth. But four Suns reserves plus Stoudemire got the Suns back into it after Los Angeles took a 91-74 lead into the fourth quarter.

"With a 3-point shooting team like Phoenix," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said, "you know that any lead is not impossible."

With Bryant on the bench for a brief rest, Dragic scored the first eight points of the fourth quarter to slice Los Angeles' lead to 91-82 with 10:27 left.

The Lakers' Sasha Vujacic drew a

flagrant foul for an elbow to the face of his fellow Slovenian with 11:18 to play. Dragic made both free throws, then blew by Vujacic for a layup to cut it to 91-80 with 11:12 left. Dragic drove for another layup the next time as Bryant made a hasty return to the court.

Gentry stayed with the lineup, and the run reached 16-4 on Stoudemire's layup after a slick pass from Dragic under the basket to cut it to 95-90 with 6:09.

Nash and Jason Richardson finally re-entered the game with 3:26 to play and Los Angeles leading 99-92. Stoudemire made two free throws, then Nash cut it to 99-96 on a layup with 2:19 left.

Bryant sank a 21-footer, Lamar Odom stole Nash's pass and Bryant made two free throws to stretch it to 103-96 with 1:43 to go. Four straight points by Stoudemire cut it to 100-95 with 53.1 seconds left,

but Bryant responded with his dagger over Hill and the surprising playoff run of the undersized, overmatched Suns was over.

"I just got a little separation," Bryant said, smiling.

Los Angeles outscored the Suns 23-10 over the last eight minutes of the second quarter to lead 65-53 at the break. After Nash threw up an air ball in the half's waning seconds, Bryant sank a 3-pointer with 12.9 seconds left to give the Lakers the 12-point lead, their largest of the half, to the cheers of the surprisingly large and loud contingent of Los Angeles fans in the otherwise all-orange crowd.

Phoenix cut the lead to single digits only once in the third quarter, 74-65 on Stoudemire's two free throws with 5:38 left. The Lakers responded with an 11-2 run, Artest's layup in traffic making it 85-67 with 2 1/2 minutes remaining in the quarter.

LeBron mum on future at appearance in Cleveland

CLEVELAND (AP)—Fresh from a postseason vacation, LeBron James was back among Cleveland fans for the first time since the Cavaliers' playoff flop.

The reunion was somewhat awkward.

James, whose impending free agency could change the course of several NBA franchises, was a guest judge at an amateur dunk contest that drew a large crowd because of the two-time MVP's appearance, his first public outing since the Cavs lost in the second round to the Boston Celtics.

Wearing a blue "Witness" T-shirt and designer sunglasses, James had little interaction with fans after arriving in a four-car motorcade and being escorted by police and security personnel through the crowd to a basketball court set up on the banks of the Cuyahoga River.

Some in the crowd seemed uncertain how to act around James, perhaps fearing the wrong comment could drive him away for good.

James ducked under a tent and slid into a folding chair next to former NBA player Darryl Dawkins to judge the final round of dunks as fans and several star-stuck competitors snapped photos with their cell phones of one of the world's best players and Cleveland's most revered pro athlete in generations.

As he sat at a table and held up scores, some Cleveland fans pleaded with him to re-sign with the Cavs. "Don't leave, LeBron!" one yelled.

"Please, please don't go!" offered another.

James, who is eligible for free agency on July 1, smiled nervously as one of the dunkers missed several attempts and he politely applauded when the runner-up finally got a two-handed reverse down. After the event sponsored by Sprite, one of James' corporate business partners, he posed for a group photo with all the dunkers and signed a giant check for the winner.

James did not speak with reporters as he excited and offered no hints about his future, adding more suspense to a story already spinning off rumors and guesses about his plans.

Maverick Carter, James' manager and business partner, said "there's nothing to say right now" when asked for details about James' next move.

Before James arrived—about 45 minutes after promised—fans waited patiently on a grassy hill overlooking the hoop court. One of them, Audrey Staton, was convinced it would be one of her last chances to see James, who will be courted by the New York Knicks, Chicago Bulls and other teams.

Davis, Molder take lead into Colonial final round

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)—Brian Davis and Bryce Molder are hoping for a little plaid to signify finally winning on the PGA Tour.

Davis had his second consecutive bogey-free 65 on Saturday while Molder, the second-round leader, shot 67 to put them both at 16-under 194 going into the final round at the Colonial, where the champion gets a plaid jacket along with a check of more than \$1 million.

The closest Davis has come to winning was last month at Hilton Head, when he got into a playoff with Jim Furyk and then called a two-stroke penalty on himself on the extra hole. The 35-year-old Englishman had missed the cut his last three tournaments.

Molder has four top-10s this season, but the four-time All-American from Georgia Tech has only one professional victory since leaving college in 2001—on the Nationwide Tour in 2006.

It was another hot but ideal scoring day at Hogan's Alley, where there again were only light breezes. The forecast Sunday calls for nearly identi-

cal conditions.

Kenny Perry's tournament-record mark of 19 under, which he set when winning in 2003 and 2005, could be in serious jeopardy. The next-best score for a Colonial was 17 under by three players last year, when Steve Stricker won a two-hole playoff.

There are 17 players at 11 under or better going into the final round.

Zach Johnson (64) was a stroke behind the leaders. Ben Crane (64) joined first-round co-leaders Jeff Overton (66) and Jason Bohn (68) in a tie for fourth at 14 under.

Molder shot a career-best 62 Friday to take the half-way lead, then set another personal mark Saturday with nine consecutive one-putts. Except he wasn't able to parlay that streak into the outright lead again. He made putts ranging from 4 to 34 feet from holes Nos. 2-11, a stretch that included five birdies and a double bogey.

Then on the closing 441-yard 18th hole, Molder slid a 10-foot birdie try just past the cup.

Davis, who hasn't had a bogey since the ninth hole in the opening round Thursday, needed a couple of save shots Saturday.

At the par-5 11th, Davis made a 16-foot par putt after hitting from a fairway bunker to the rough and then over the green. He overcame a bad chip at the 430-yard 15th hole with a 21-foot par-saver. When he hit his second shot of the day from a fairway bunker and then went over the green at the only other par 5, he pitched a shot to 2 feet on No. 1.

Johnson had birdies on both backside par 3s, making a 22-footer at No. 13, and an 8-footer at No.

16 while wrapping up his bogey-free round. He made a 4-foot birdie putt at No. 18 to get to 15 under when Molder still had four holes to play.

Crane got to 14 under when he made an eagle from 143 yards at the par-4 17th hole. He had a hole-in-one Friday and another eagle Thursday.

Phil Mickelson missed the cut and a chance at being the No. 1 player in

the world, so he wasn't around for the Colonial's second "Pink Out" to raise awareness of breast cancer. Hogan's Alley was swathed Saturday in pink—from the clothing worn by most golfers, officials and spectators to signs and ribbons.

The first "Pink Out" was during the third round last year when Mickelson wasn't here to defend his 2008 title soon after finding out his wife, Amy, had breast cancer. Soon after that, he found out his mother also had the disease.

Mickelson said he would be wearing pink at home Saturday in San Diego while spending the weekend his family. Amy Mickelson's birthday is Monday.

K.J. Choi teed off at No. 18 with a chance to match the course record of 61 with a birdie. He instead had a quadruple-bogey 8.

Choi hit his tee shot into the left rough, flubbed his first chance to get out of it and then hit the next into the water. The 40-year-old South Korean knocked his drop through the green, then chipped another one off the green before finally making an 8-foot putt.



Halladay pitches perfect game for Phillies



MIAMI (AP)—Philadelphia Phillies ace Roy Halladay threw the 20th perfect game in major league history, delivering the marquee performance of his All-Star career in a 1-0 win over the Florida Marlins in the American League on Saturday.

It was the second perfect game in the majors this month alone, Dallas Braden doing it for Oakland against Tampa Bay on May 9. It's the first time in the modern era that there were a pair of perfect games in the same season.

Halladay (7-3) struck out 11, then got pinch-hitter Ronny Paulino to ground out to end it, and was cheered by a crowd of 25,086 throughout much of the night. While there were a couple of good plays behind him, Halladay didn't need any great defensive work in this gem.

The lone run off Josh Johnson (5-2) came in the third and it was unearned.

Padres 4, Nationals 2

In San Diego, Nick Hundley hit a three-run homer in the first inning to boost San Diego to victory over Washington.

Hundley accounted for all four Padres runs. He tripled leading off the fourth and scored on Chris Denorfia's groundout.

Rockies 11, Dodgers 3

In Denver, Aaron Cook pitched effectively for 6 1-3 innings to guide Colorado past Los Angeles.

Cook (2-3) allowed one earned run in his first win in a month.

Carlos Gonzalez homered and added a run-saving defensive gem in center field for Colorado, which had lost six of the previous seven against the Dodgers. Seth Smith and Miguel Olivo each had three hits with two RBIs apiece.

Cubs 5, Cardinals 0

In Chicago, Carlos Silva struck out a career-high 11 during seven dominant innings, leading Chicago over St. Louis.

Silva (7-0) walked none. Matt Holliday was the only Cardinals' batter to reach base against Silva with a single in the second and a double in the seventh.

Silva became the first Cubs starter to begin a season 7-0 since Ken Holtzman went 9-0 in 1967.

Braves 6, Pirates 3

In Atlanta, Jason Heyward homered to help Atlanta down Pittsburgh.

Heyward hit his 10th homer of the season, Martin Prado drove in three runs and Troy Glaus had a two-run double for the Braves.

Reds 12, Astros 2

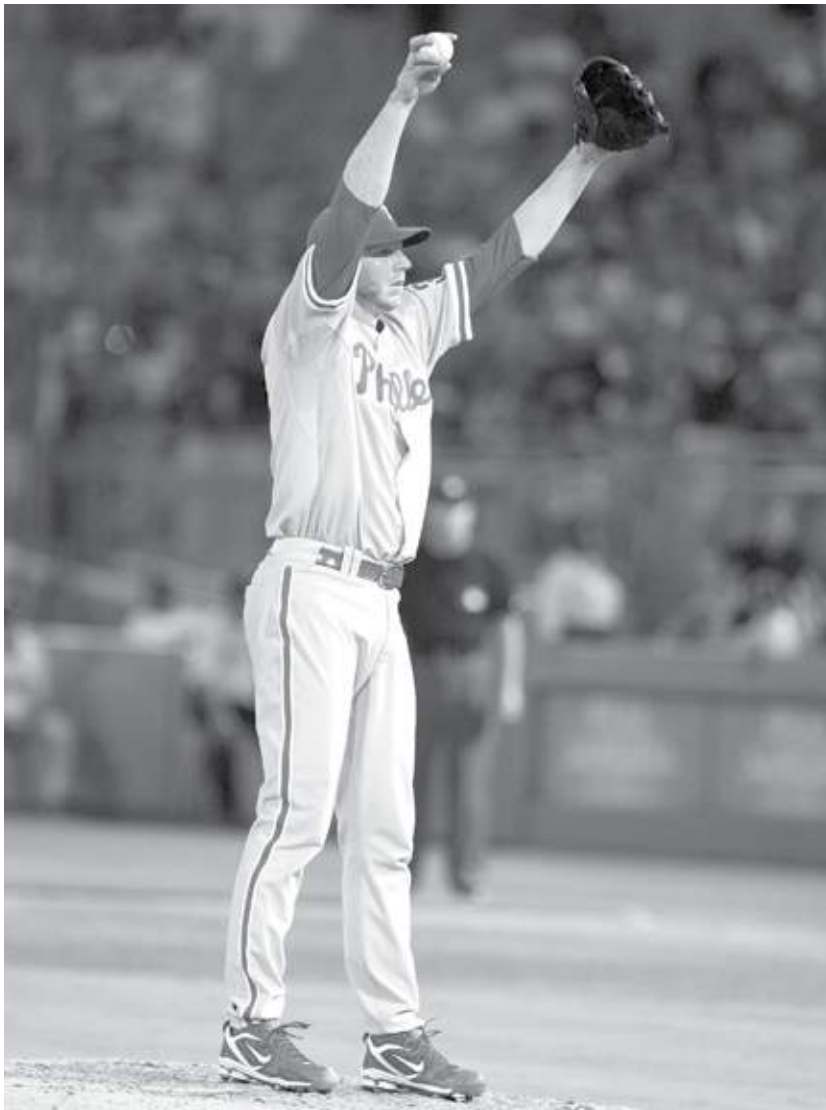
In Cincinnati, Jay Bruce and Ramon Hernandez each hit two home runs to propel streaking Cincinnati over Houston.

Miguel Cairo and Drew Stubbs also homered as the Reds powered their way to their fourth consecutive win, taking a two-game lead over St. Louis in the NL Central.

Giants 12, Diamondbacks 1

In San Francisco, Buster Posey had three hits and three RBIs in his first major league game as San Francisco routed Arizona.

Juan Uribe homered and drove in two runs as the Giants sent the Diamondbacks to their sixth straight loss.



Philadelphia Phillies starting pitcher Roy Halladay stretches before throwing a pitch in the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Florida Marlins, Saturday, May 29, 2010, in Miami. AP

Brewers 8, Mets 6

In Milwaukee, Corey Hart hit a grand slam and a two-run homer in his first two at-bats to lift Milwaukee over New York.

Hart's homers in the first and third gave him 12 for the season, tying his total from last year, and three in three consecutive plate appearances. He belted

the first game-winning homer of his career Friday.

Ike Davis hit a three-run shot for New York, but the Mets continued their struggles on the road.

Twins 8, Rangers 3

In Minneapolis, the Minnesota Twins

Ginepri, not Roddick, last US man left in Paris



PARIS (AP)—Saturday did not get off to a particularly auspicious start for Americans in Paris.

Playing simultaneously across the Roland Garros grounds in the morning, Andy Roddick lost in straight sets, the top-seeded Bryan twins did the same in doubles, and Serena Williams felt so dizzy and weak while dropping five consecutive games that she sought a doctor's attention before eventually turning things around to win.

And then, as daylight gave way to dusk amid an intermittent drizzle, Robby Ginepri of Kennesaw, Ga., pulled off quite a victory, upsetting 2003 French Open champion Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain 7-5, 6-3, 3-6, 2-6, 6-4 to give the United States one man in the fourth round.

"Obviously you want as many Americans in the tournament as you can," Ginepri said. "But if I'm the last man standing, you know, so be it."

His run at the clay-court Grand Slam tournament is really rather unlikely, and not just because he had to beat two seeded players along the way.

Consider: Ginepri doesn't have a coach, is ranked 98th, and hadn't won a main-draw match on clay this year before arriving at the French Open. Indeed, before his 3-0 streak over the past week, Ginepri boasted a record

of 1-7—yes, 1-7!—in all tour-level matches this season.

There's more, too, including the blister on his right foot that Ginepri had a trainer treat during Saturday's match. A minor inconvenience compared to the medical procedure he had done 1 1/2 months ago to address a neck injury that prevented him from tilting his head all the way.

Best to leave it to Ginepri to describe that: "I'm not 100 percent sure the name of it, but they go in and burn a couple nerves in the neck to prevent the brain from feeling the pain. But there's no real harm to it, no downside at all, so I went with it."

Then, in early May, the guy lost on clay to someone ranked 160th in a Challenger event—tennis' minor leagues—and to someone ranked 136th while trying to qualify for another small tourney, although he chalked up some of those troubles to food poisoning. To cap off his decidedly unique preparation for the year's second major championship, Ginepri came to France via bus from an event in Duesseldorf, Germany, a 4 1/2-hour ride that got him to town at about 1 a.m. the day the French Open began.

"It's not usually the way you want to come into a Grand Slam," he said. "The trip couldn't have started worse, so there's only an upside to it. I guess this is it."

finally got a big hit with the bases loaded to key a six-run seventh inning, and beat the Texas Rangers.

Texas starter C.J. Wilson (3-3) walked Justin Morneau to lead off the seventh, gave up a double to Michael Cuddyer and then walked Jason Kubel to exit with the bases loaded and nobody out.

It's a situation that has paralyzed the Twins this season. They came into the game with 66 at-bats with the bases loaded, the most in the major leagues, but managed only 11 hits.

Rays 8, White Sox 5

In St. Petersburg, struggling slugger Carlos Pena drove in three runs to help Tampa Bay defeat Chicago.

Pena hit a three-run double during a four-run fourth inning off John Danks (4-4) to put Tampa Bay up 6-2. The other run scored on Gabe Kapler's bunt.

Pena has just 12 hits in 94 at-bats during May. The first baseman was 1 for 5, including two strikeouts, on Saturday.

Athletics 6, Tigers 0

In Detroit, Brett Anderson was sharp in his first start in a month, steering Oakland to a shutout win over Detroit.

Anderson (2-1), back from elbow and forearm injuries, didn't walk a batter in 5 2-3 innings.

Red Sox 1, Royals 0

In Boston, Clay Buchholz keeps looking like Boston's new ace, throwing seven shutout innings to lead Boston over Kansas City.

Buchholz (7-3) outdueled Royals ace Zack Greinke and posted his sixth win in seven starts. He has a 1.32 ERA in his past three outings.

The loss snapped the Royals' three-game winning streak.

Indians 13, Yankees 11

In New York, Cleveland pitcher David Huff was hit in the head by a line drive before the Indians fought back from a big deficit to beat New York.

Alex Rodriguez's line drive cannoned off Huff's head into right field for an RBI double.

Huff was down on the mound for 6 minutes, carted off the field and taken to hospital, where he was cleared of serious damage. He returned to the clubhouse three hours later to celebrate an unlikely victory.

Down 10-4 in the sixth inning to C.C. Sabathia, the Indians came back to win. Lou Marson hit three doubles and Russell Branyan homered.

Blue Jays 5, Orioles 2

In Toronto, Lyle Overbay hit two of Toronto's four home runs in the win over Baltimore.

Vernon Wells connected for a go-ahead shot in the eighth inning off Jason Berken (0-1). His 13th homer of the season was a long fly that hit the facing of the third deck in left field.

One out later, Alex Gonzalez singled and Alberto Castillo replaced Berken, surrendering Overbay's homer on his first pitch.

Angels 5, Mariners 1, 10 innings

In Anaheim, Kendry Morales fractured his lower left leg while celebrating his game-ending grand slam in the 10th inning which lifted Los Angeles over Seattle.

Morales is scheduled to undergo surgery Sunday. He was leading the club in batting average (.290), home runs (11), total bases (94) and RBIs (39).

Morales connected with one out and circled the bases to a waiting celebration. He leaped toward home plate and landed awkwardly.

to unseeded Brazilians Marcelo Melo and Bruno Soares.

"Maybe we're a little tired mentally," Bob Bryan said.

In singles, No. 9 David Ferrer went out 6-4, 6-0, 7-6 (1) against No. 22 Jurgen Melzer, and No. 14 Ivan Ljubicic was beaten 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-4 by No. 24 Thomaz Bellucci, who now plays four-time champion Nadal.

The matchup expected to highlight the day's play - Maria Sharapova vs. Justine Henin, a pair of former No. 1s with 10 Grand Slam titles between them—wound up getting suspended because of darkness while tied at a set apiece.

There were no significant surprises in the women's matches that were completed, with the No. 1-seeded Williams, No. 4 Jelena Jankovic and No. 7 Sam Stosur reaching the fourth round. The last two Frenchwomen in the draw were eliminated by other seeded players: No. 13 Marion Bartoli lost to No. 18 Shahar Peer of Israel 7-6 (7), 6-2, and No. 15 Aravane Rezai lost to No. 19 Nadia Petrova of Russia 6-7 (2), 6-4, 10-8 in the completion of a match halted at 7-all on Friday night.

The one, real stop-the-presses moment came in the opening match in the main stadium, when Williams felt ill and went from dominant to ordinary, falling behind 5-0 in the second set against Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, a Russian teen seeded 29th.

Red Sox take top spot with win over A's

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The Red Sox edged out the Fielders in the standings after handling thumping the Athletics, 10-1, in the Junior Division of the 2010 Saipan Little League last Saturday at Francisco “Tan Ko” Palacios Ballfield.

It was the 10th win in 15 outings for the Red Sox, while the loss dropped the A's to a

4-11 mark.

After two scoreless innings, the A's, who struggled all day at the plate, scored their only run in the top of the third from Quinson Blas who hit a two out single and scored off an error.

But in the bottom half the Red Sox answered back with two runs from Steven Cabrera and Thomas Reyes who both scored off infield errors.

The A's left two runners stranded in the fourth and the Red Sox added a run in the bottom half

from Thomas Reyes, who singled in Kyle Hocog.

The A's then drew another blank after loading up the bases with one out in the top of the fifth and the Sox added another run in the bottom from a RBI single by Alex Monkeya that brought in Tommy Reyes.

With the score at 4-1, Red Sox, the A's came up empty to start the sixth as the Red Sox pulled away with six more runs in the bottom half.

In the top of the seventh, the A's

could not get anything started and managed only one runner.

Survivors 5, Fielders 4

The home team Survivors, who finished out with 8-7, held on to defeat the Fielders, now at 9-6, after a tight sixth and seventh innings of play late in the game.

Poland Masaharu hit a one out single and scored off an error for the Fielders in the top of the first, but the Survivors tied it in the bottom half from Jose Lizama who led off with a walk, stole two bases, and scored off an wild pitch.

In the top of the second, Garen

Uchau singled in Jonathan Rangamar who reached off an error to give the Fielders a one run lead.

The Survivors did not answer and both teams went scoreless in the third.

Then after holding off the Fielders to start the fourth, the Survivors took a one run lead in the bottom half.

Jonah Pangelinan drew a lead-off walk and later stole home before Keith Concepcion reached with a single and scored off an error.

The score remained at 3-2, Survivors, after the Fielders stranded runners at second and

third in the top of the fifth, but forced the Survivors to go 1-2-3 in the bottom half.

Then in the top of the sixth, the Fielders took a one run lead when both Villagomez and Gaven scored off errors after reaching with a bean ball and a single.

Trailing by a run to start the bottom half, Nick Jones blasted a two-RBI triple with two outs that scored Concepcion and Jose lizama who reached off a walk and a fielder's choice to give the Survivors a one run lead going into the last inning where they fended off the Fielders with a 1-2-3 inning.

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under Saipan Local Law 15-33; \$20,000 from unobligated/lapsed funds from SLL 16-5; \$10,000 from unexpended/lapsed funds under SLL 15-12; and \$10,000 from SLL 16-21. Most of the funds came from Precints 1 and 3.

Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association, which appealed to lawmakers for financial aid for Micro Games several months ago, was elated with the good news.

“We are very grateful for the assistance that the delegation has provided. We know that these are difficult times, and we sincerely appreciate the fact that our lawmakers share our commitment. On behalf of all of the athletes, coaches, and officials who will proudly wear the CNMI's colors at the Micro Games, we say thank you very much, and we promise that we will do our very best to bring honor and glory to the Commonwealth,” NMASA president Michael White said in an e-mail to *Saipan Tribune*.

The delegation's financial as-

sistance will cover almost half of the total estimated cost of 124 CNMI athletes and officials expected to go to Palau.

In its earlier letter to lawmakers, NMASA noted that the projected cost of the CNMI's participation to the Micro Game is \$132,060. The total amount covers airfare, per diem (\$30 a day), parade uniforms, departure tax, and miscellaneous expenses or the estimated cost for each delegate is \$1,065.

Before asking for help from lawmakers, NMASA had initially arranged a payment scheme for athletes and offi-

cials, asking each delegate to pay \$700 of the total cost with NMASA shouldering \$250. The \$700 were paid in installment for four months, but only tennis and triathlon completed the payment, thus the financial assistance is good news for others struggling to find funds for the August event. NMASA will equally divide the financial assistance it got to athletes and officials going to Palau.

“It saves us a lot of money. If they will give \$60,00, this means each athlete will get \$500. We can get some of our money back (from installment payment) and

we can use them for our competition in Fiji,” CNMI tennis coach Jeff Race said.

The financial aid is very timely, as the CNMI has only until June 30 to register for the Micro Games.

“This critical appropriation is at least half of that, and the CNMI sports family, and I in particular, extends its thank you to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation members' consideration to assist our athletes to the only quadrennial and perennial event of our Micronesian region,” Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation

chairman Ray Tebuteb, who is also the president of Northern Marianas Athletics.

“NMASA was created by law without any funding and thus any small amount to our athletes is most certainly appreciated. The numerous CNMI sports organizations have consistently improved in so many ways over the years, and I am personally attesting to that,” he added.

Besides athletics, tennis, and triathlon, the CNMI will also send athletes and officials to spearfishing, basketball, baseball, canoe, and swimming competitions.

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score was 5-2, Fielders.

Then Carl Camacho and Mike Tenorio added two more runs for the Fielders in the top of the fifth.

But in the bottom of the fifth, the Ol'Aces took charge and mounted a six-run comeback to give them a one-run lead.

Diego Camacho doubled home Leo Sablan who reached with a lead off an error. Harry Nakamura then singled in

Iguel who reached with a one-out triple. After Keoni Lizama reached with a single, Rocco Reyes belted a two-RBI triple to clear the bases and Jesse Yamagishi came up next and singled Reyes home. Then a fly out later, Phil Litulumar singled in Yamagishi before the Fielders could stop the bleeding.

With the score at 10-7, Ol'Aces, the Fielders managed to get a runner to third in both the sixth and seventh innings, but were denied access to the plate by Ol'Aces star pitcher Nakamura. While Nakamura

shut the Fielders down in their last two innings at the plate, the Ol'Aces added five more runs to their lead in the bottom of the sixth to take the game with a final score of 13-7.

Nakamura pitched two shutout innings in the clutch with three strikeouts and three hits and batted 2-for-3 with two RBIs and one run. Rocco Reyes batted 2-for-3 with two RBIs and two runs, while Phil batted 2-for-3 with two RBIs. Iguel batted 2-for-3 with one RBI, two runs, and one stolen base.

Hunters 12, Hustlers 7

The Hunters, tied for third place at 8-7, outlasted the Hustlers, who just missed the playoffs with a 6-9 win-loss slate for the season.

The visiting Hunters' Anthony Guerrero led off the game with a single, moved to second off a walk, stole third, and was singled in by Joseph Palacios in the top of the first, but the Hustlers tied it in the bottom from Joaquin DL Guerrero who reached and scored off errors and a couple of stolen

bases in between.

Palmerson Monkeya added a run for the Hunters in the top of the second after drawing a walk and scoring off an error, but the Hustlers jumped ahead in the bottom half with a five-run inning.

Jeremy Lizama led off with a double and scored off an error. Tim DL Guerreo singled in A.J. Taitano who reached off an error. Roy Villagomez reached and scored off errors before Joaquin DLG singled in Tim DLG and MacGarret Duenas singled in Joaquin DLG before the Hunters could escape the second.

The Hunters then got three runs back in the top of the third. Joseph Atalig led off and reached off an error and Roman Reyes drew a walk. Leroy Regis singled in Atalig before both Reyes and Regis scored off errors.

In the bottom half, the Hustlers added a run from Jeremy Lizama who singled and scored off an error to make the score 7-5, Hustlers after three.

Both teams went 1-2-3 in the fourth and the Hunters took a one-run lead in the top

of the fifth; all three runs came in off errors.

The score remained at 8-7, Hunters as the Hustlers went 1-2-3 in the fifth and sixth innings.

Then in the top of the seventh, the Hunters added four more runs with an RBI single by Anthony Guerrero and a huge three-RBI triple by Lincoln Ingram.

The Hustlers managed runners on the corners, but could not make their way to the dish for a fourth time in a row.

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him had to struggle for points against the Sparks' active defense. Pagarao finished with 14 points. Joshua Norita also had 14, but most of his points came went Sparks were already ahead by a big margin.

In the second division finals, Lynn's BBQ recovered from a third quarter collapse to pull off a three-point win.

Lynn's BBQ led by 17 in the first half, 47-30, before the Sonics rallied back in the third and even stole the lead early in the fourth. The Sonics moved within six at the end of the third, 53-59, when they held Lynn's BBQ scoreless in the last three min-

utes of that period. Lynn's was still without a field goal in the first three minutes of the fourth, allowing the Sonics to take a 64-59 lead.

A triple from Dan Mateo ended Lynn's BBQ's drought and started the team's own rally. Lynn's BBQ launched a 12-1 run with Mateo canning another triple to nail a 71-64 lead, going into the last 2:57 of the match.

Lynn's was still up by five, 79-74, when Sonics had several chances to come closer with 20 seconds left on the clock. First, Edwin Santos was called for an advantage foul, sending Joel Javier to the stripe. Instead of Javier taking two free throws, game officials did not see Brian Ajoste stepped on the 15-foot line.

Fortunately for Lyn's, Ajoste only had a split.

Lynn's BBQ committed another foul and Jojo Ong made both charities, moving Sonics within two, 77-79, with six seconds left on the clock. Lynn's BBQ Christian De Vero was fouled on the other end, missed his first charity, but made the second, giving the team an 80-77 lead, with two seconds left on the clock.

Sonics sued for time to set up for a game-tying trey. However, when game resumed, playing coach Omar Ajoste failed to find an open man outside and instead passed the leather to Mike Eclevia inside the rain-bow arc and the latter fumbled to catch the ball against two Lynn's BBQ defenders.

First Game

Sparks 79 – T. Santos 12, Hossain 12, Norita 8, E. Manglona 8, Faisao 8, Mettao 7, Z. Babauta 4, A. Santos 4, M. Manglona 3, R. Babauta 3, Camacho 2.

Grillin' 52 – J. Norita 14, Pagarao 14, Rotap 13, Herrera 6, Lose 3, Durano 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-16, 37-27, 61-47, 79-52.

Second Game

Lyn's BBQ 80 – D. Mateo 16, E. Santos 15, Naraja 13, Manalo 10, David 3, Quinitip 2, Castro 2.

Sonics 77 – B. Ajoste 21, Galarce 19, Apelo 10, Rosario 8, Javier 6, Eclevia 6, Ong 4.

Scoring by quarters: 31-12, 47-30, 59-53, 80-77.

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In the all-junior player semi-finals in the men's 4.5 singles, Christian Miller prevailed over Daniel Park, 6-4, 6-0. Miller will be paired against Bobby Cruz, who foiled another Miller-Rafael Jones title showdown

when the former won in the semis, 6-3, 6-3.

Thea Minor gained two finals seats. She entered in the men's 4.0 singles and marched into the finals after a 6-0, 6-1 win over Angelo Jones in the semis. Minor's foe will be the victor of the Father Ryan Jimenez-Jake Lee semis match.

In the women's open singles,

Minor swept Lydia Tan in the semis, 6-1, 6-0, to challenge Mayuko Arriola in the finals. Arriola took the second finals ticket after beating Mikayla Lopez, 6-2, 6-0.

In the men's 3.0 singles, Carl Dela Cruz won over Darryl Roligat and Ryan Cho to advance to the finals. Dela Cruz will duel the winner of the Christian Cajigan-Amami Sakano semis tiff

in today's finals.

In the women's 2.0/3.0 singles, it will be mother against daughter with Flor Jones battling Emily. Flor made it to the finals after Mimi Castro retired in the second set of their semis match. Emily claimed the second finals berth following a 7-5, 7-5 triumph in the semis over Lucy Park.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES									
MLB STANDINGS									
AMERICAN LEAGUE									
East Division									
Tampa Bay	34	16	.680	—	St. Louis	28	22	.560	2
New York	29	20	.592	4 1/2	Chicago	24	26	.480	6
Toronto	29	22	.569	5 1/2	Milwaukee	21	28	.429	8 1/2
Boston	28	23	.549	6 1/2	Pittsburgh	20	30	.400	10
Baltimore	15	35	.300	19	Houston	16	33	.327	13 1/2
Central Division									
Minnesota	29	20	.592	—	West Division				
Detroit	25	23	.521	3 1/2	San Diego	29	20	.592	—
Chicago	21	28	.429	8	Los Angeles	27	22	.551	2
Kansas City	21	29	.420	8 1/2	San Francisco	26	22	.542	2 1/2
Cleveland	18	29	.383	10	Colorado	26	23	.531	3
West Division					Arizona	20	30	.400	9 1/2
Oakland	27	23	.540	—	Yesterday's Games				
Texas	26	23	.531	1/2	Chicago Cubs 5, St. Louis 0				
Los Angeles	24	27	.471	3 1/2	Cincinnati 12, Houston 2				
Seattle	19	29	.396	7	Milwaukee 8, N.Y. Mets 6				
NATIONAL LEAGUE					Philadelphia 1, Florida 0				
East Division					Atlanta 6, Pittsburgh 3				
Philadelphia	28	20	.583	—	Colorado 11, L.A. Dodgers 3				
Atlanta	27	22	.551	1 1/2	San Diego 4, Washington 2				
New York	25	25	.500	4	San Francisco 12, Arizona 1				
Washington	25	25	.500	4	Cleveland 13, N.Y. Yankees 11				
Florida	24	26	.480	5	Toronto 5, Baltimore 2				
Central Division					L.A. Angels 5, Seattle 1, 10 innings				
Cincinnati	30	20	.600	—	Minnesota 8, Texas 3				
					Oakland 6, Detroit 0				
					Tampa Bay 8, Chicago White Sox 5				
					Boston 1, Kansas City 0				

The Week in Sports

More championship titles claimed

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More championship trophies were clinched last week as teams topped their respective leagues and tournaments.

In the Majors division of the Saipan Little League baseball, Ol'Aces successfully defended their title after beating the Falcons, 8-2, in the championship game at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

In basketball, Pacific Islands Club secured the championship in the 2nd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League, edging Aqua Resort Club in the best-of-three title series. PIC won Game 1, 87-84, Aqua Resort Club recovered in Game 2, 71-65, and the former eventually prevailed in the deciding Game 3, 85-68.

In tennis, seven junior players were crowned champions in the first week of the 2010 DFS Micronesian Tennis Championships.

They were U12's Quintin Colin

Ramsey and Carol Lee, U14's Chris Cajigan and Mikayla Lopez, U18's Thea Minor and Christian Miller, and co-ed mini tennis' Alex Choi.

In the adults doubles, Minor and Ji Hoon Heo took the mixed open doubles crown, Mayuko and Sakado Arriola topped the women's open doubles, Bobby Cruz and Dong Lacbayo ruled the men's 4.0 doubles, Matthew Lopez and Jake Lee reigned in the men's 3.0 doubles, and Flor Jones and Merle Hudkins prevailed in the women's 2.0/3.0 doubles.

In the Trench Warz 12: Battle Brawl, Giovanni "Palaksi" Sablan led 12 winners in the MMA event held at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort.

Palaksi knocked out Korean Top Team Pro fighter's Young Nam "The Hippo" Ku in the 1:33 mark of the second round. Eight of the 12 fights in Trench Warz 12: Battle Brawl were decided in the first round.

In other events, the Navy Hill caging was down to four teams last week with the Sonics and Lyn's BBQ advancing to Division A finals and Sparks and

Grillin' moving into the Division B title game.

The Chamolinian softball league had 10 teams left from the 21-squad field and the double-elimination playoffs had already started last week at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

Over at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool, Tsunami Saipan swimmers set five records in a meet, which also drew Guam swimmers.

Kaito Yanai recorded four marks in the 9 to 10 age group, while Kai Staal made one record in the 15 to 16 division.



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The Happy Market Ol'Aces won the Saipan Little League Majors Division Championship over the Falcons, 8-2, last Saturday afternoon at Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.



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Pacific Islands Club players and fans celebrate their title conquest in the Shirley caging last week at the JP Center Basketball Court.



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The Sparks' Jon Norita drives against Grillin's Phyl Norita during their Division A finals in the Navy Hill caging last Saturday at the Garapan Basketball Court.



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Quintin Ramsey competed in the first week of the DFS tennis tournament on the Pacific Islands Club hard court and beat Moris Villanueva in the U12 finals.



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Christian Miller competed in the first week of the DFS tennis tournament on the Pacific Islands Club hard court and defeated Rafael Jones in the U18 finals.



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Giovanni "Palaksi" Sablan defeated Korea Top Team's Young Nam "The Hippo" Ku in a 150-lb. bout. Sablan knocked out Ku with some vicious elbows to the head in the middle of the second round.



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Tsunami Saipan and Tsunami Guam swimmers perform a cheer drill before the start of the swim meet last week at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

Lakers beat
Suns to set
up rematch
with Celtics

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\$60K to Micro Games delegates

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CNMI athletes and officials representing the Commonwealth to the 2010 Micro-

nesian Games in Palau had their prayers answered.

This after the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation re-appropriated \$60,000 for the Team CNMI's expenses in the Micro Games.



Rep. Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan), during last Friday's session, introduced a floor amendment re-appropriating a total of \$208,448 from four other Saipan local laws, to go toward at least five projects. Of this amount, \$60,000 will go

to Team CNMI's expenses in the quadrennial meet that will run from Aug. 1 to 10.

Of the \$60,000 for Micro Games expenses, \$20,000 came from unobligated/lapsed funds

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Ol'Aces routs Fielders, claims top seed

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The 2010 Saipan Little League Senior Division regular season wrapped up over the weekend

and the Ol'Aces, with a 13-2 win-loss record, solidified their position atop the standings after taking down the Fielders, now tied for third with the Hunters at 8-7, on Saturday at Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Starting at 9am, the playoffs for the Senior and Junior divisions begin at the Oleai Sports Complex.

After putting the winless D-9ers to sleep, 24-5, during last Wednesday's night game, the Fielders ran into trouble Saturday against pennant champ Ol'Aces.

The home team Ol'Aces overcame a five-run deficit from the first two innings and broke the game open with a



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Harry Nakamura, left, and Diego Camacho, gesture the No. 1 sign after leading Ol'Aces to a come-from-behind 8-7 win against the Fielders in Senior League play in the 2010 Saipan Little League Baseball Saturday at Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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combined eleven runs in the fifth and sixth innings.

After a scoreless first inning, Marvin Ngeskebei gave the Fielders a one-run lead after reaching off an error and scoring off a wild pitch in the top of the second.

The Fielders held off the Ol'Aces again, in the bottom of the second, and jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the top half of the third.

Leo Mendiola drew a one-out walk and scored off a passed ball. R.J. Villagomez then singled in Kevin Villagomez and Mike Tenorio brought home Carl Camacho and R.J. Villagomez with a two-RBI triple.

Later in the bottom half, Lamarc Iguel delivered a two-RBI single for the Ol'Aces that brought in Kraven Lizama and Leonard Sablan.

After a scoreless fourth inning, the

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Sparks, Lyn's BBQ set title duel

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The Sparks' Ichitaro Faisao goes for an acrobatic shot against Grillin' defenders during their Division B title match in the Navy Hill caging on Saturday at the Garapan Basketball Court.

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The Sparks and Lynn's BBQ clinched division titles to arrange a championship duel in the 2010 Navy

Hill Friendship Basketball.

The Sparks clobbered Grillin', 79-52, in Division B finals on Saturday at the Garapan Basketball Court, while Lynn's BBQ edged the Sonics, 80-77, in Division A finals. The Sparks and Lynn's BBQ were squaring off for the championship last night and results of the grand finale were unavailable at press time.

In the Division B finals, the Sparks showed more fire than Grillin' to cruise to an easy win.

Grillin' kept pace with the Sparks only in the first period, which ended in a deadlock, 16-all. When the much younger, quicker, and athletic Sparks stepped on the pedal in the second quarter, all could Grillin' do was watch its chances for the division title and championship seat slowly disappear.

Tom Santos came off the bench in the second period and scored eight of his 10 points in that canto, giving the Sparks a 37-27 halftime lead. The lead ballooned to more than 20 points in the second, as Sparks drew contribution contributions to each player they fielded in the game.

In contrast, Grillin' had only Lerio Pagarao aiming for shots and even

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10 gain finals seats in DFS tennis tourney

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Ten players secured finals berths in the second and final week of the 2010 DFS Micronesian Tennis Championships played over the weekend on the Pacific Islands Club hard court.

In the men's open singles, Todd Montgomery notched the first finals seat after beating Dong Min Lee in the semifinals of the lower half draw, 6-2, 6-3. Montgomery will face

in today's finals the winner of the Jeff Race-Ralph Buenaventura semifinals duel. Race and Buenaventura collided in the last semis game late yesterday afternoon and results were unavailable at press time.

In the men's 40-and-above singles, Ralph's father, Eli, advanced to the finals after sweeping Chuck Sayon, 6-1, 6-2. The older Buenaventura will meet in the finals the winner of the Sonny Decena-Paul Jang tiff.

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Ralph Buenaventura chases the ball at the baseline during his semis game against Jeff Race in the men's open singles division of the DFS tennis tournament yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club court.